



# BENNETT VALLEY VOICE

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## MEMO FROM THE BOARD

Dramatic increases in both the volume and speed of traffic on Bennett Valley Road have recently focused a good deal of the Board's energy on trying to find ways of improving safety on that thoroughfare. A committee headed by BVHA Vice President Terry Babineaux has studied the problems at some length, coming to the conclusion that the road's problems are increasing because of its increased use by non-residents as a fast-track alternative commute route to Sonoma State University, Sonoma State Hospital, Hewlett-Packard, and other destinations outside the Valley. The committee's approach has leaned toward a de-emphasis of expensive and controversial major public projects on the theory that, given the inevitably increasing demand for alternatives to Petaluma Hill Road, U.S. 101, and State Highway 12, any significant widening and straightening of the road would serve only to attract more and faster through traffic. That's not to say that death-traps like the ditch at the Pisenti curves shouldn't be taken care of, but that it's not in the interest of Valley residents to attract more commuters. The committee's preliminary recommendations have therefore included such low-cost, high-impact proposals as reduced speed limits, double yellow lines to prohibit passing, and increased law enforcement. The decision was made to set aside the regular BVHA Board meeting night of August 19 for a special general membership meeting to get more public input and support before making a formal request of the Board of Supervisors. The following Wednesday, August 26, the Board will meet with Supervisor Janet Nicholas to pass along the formal requests and recommendations.

The second annual Bennett Valley Day festivities will be held on Saturday, August 29, 1987 at Matanzas Creek Winery, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. The events featured will include equestrian activities, flag ceremony, hayrides, live entertainment, music, and wine tasting presented by the four Bennett Valley wineries. In addition the Volunteer Firemen's Association will put on another lip-smacking benefit barbecue to bolster the Fire Protections District's sagging revenues. Come support your community and have a great time!

### BVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### SLIDE REPAIR-SONOMA MOUNTAIN ROAD

The Public Works Dept. have scheduled the repair of the slide between 6471 and 6480 to begin in the second week of September. The road will be closed for at least two weeks says Dave Robertson, Public Wrks. Dept.

Due to the pressures brought by residents in the form of a petition and letters from individuals and local Homeowner's Associations, the work is being done.

Thanks to all for your support on this issue.

### DESIGN REVIEW VACANCIES FILLED

Recommendations by the BVHA Board and appointment by Supervisor Janet Nicholas filled the two vacancies. The Appointees are Chet Adamick and Helen Bates, with Keith Franc as an alternate to step in when a board member might be absent.

### THANKS TO ALL NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Our membership is growing! Thanks to all of you for your support and interest in preserving our agricultural community. Our monthly meeting date of the 3rd Wednesday of each month is open to the membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please come or contact one of the board members. Thank you again.

## BENNETT VALLEY HOMEOWNERS MEMBERSHIP 1987

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BENNETT VALLEY DAY SPECIAL EDITION  
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## BENNETT VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION – HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In 1970 several residents became concerned about the future and development of Bennett Valley. Could it be saved? A possible mobile home park in Woodside and 1/4 acre home lots near the fire house were threatening the rural atmosphere of the area.

Meetings were held at the Grange with Bennett Valley landowners to discuss the future of the valley. As a result the Homeowners Association was formed and by-laws drawn up for the functioning processes by Paul Mowbray, Secretary.

Original Planners: Dr. Brad Lundborg was the first Homeowners President. John MacDonald, a Woodside resident and attorney, helped with legal advice. Lloyd Johnson brought the slope density plan from Carmel area.

Past Presidents include Brad Lundborg, Cindy Lyddell, Paul Mowbray, Max Moberly, Tamara Boulbee, Warren Watkins, Dave Steiner, and Bill MacIver. Bill Jacobs and Nancy Batson have served on the board since its beginnings and continue today. Many residents from the Bennett Valley area have served on the board and assisted since its beginnings. It is a real community effort, and input from residents is always appreciated and taken into consideration. Members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings at the firehouse.

California Non-profit Corporation. The Homeowners became incorporated in June 1971, by the signing of the then Secretary of State, Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Tax exempt status came in 1972.

A Plan for the Valley, restricting growth, protecting the environment, zoning for valley and slopes, agricultural and residential land use, open space and traffic patterns were considerations in drawing up the first Bennett Valley Plan.

The Homeowners Association's specific and primary purpose is to promote and preserve the rural and residential character and natural environment of Bennett Valley. Ours is one of the first areas in Sonoma County to be studied, and for the most part, has maintained a good relationship with the supervisors of our 1st district. The Association is concerned with upholding those guidelines set down in the Bennett Valley Specific Plan of 1978, a revision of the 1971 plan, by the Sonoma County Planning Department. Over the years the Assoc. has dealt with many issues concerning planning and changes in the area. Road conditions and improvements, commercial improvements and agricultural land use, upholding different zoning districts in the area, to mention a few.

Bennett Valley also has a design review committee that oversees improvements here – separate from the Homeowners Association. The only other area in Sonoma County as well maintained with a Specific Plan in mind is Alexander Valley.

Bennett Valley, a part of Luther Burbank's "chosen spot on earth", has an ideal climate for agriculture, livestock and planned residences, with a history past, present, and future.

## NEW MEMBERS

If you join now you will receive the last issue of the VOICE for 1987 and your membership will run through 1988. Membership fee is \$5.00. The VOICE will keep you informed of current and upcoming issues along with articles of historical interest. It is published quarterly. If you wish to join please fill out this slip and mail to:

BENNETT VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 2666, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Thank you for your support.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Bennett Valley Homeowners Association