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Sudden Oak Death: Symptoms, Spread and Management of *Phytophthora ramorum* by Dr. Elizabeth Fichtner

At our next BVHA meeting, on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 pm, at the BV Grange Hall, Dr. Elizabeth Fichtner, a UC Davis research scientist, will present a brief overview of Sudden Oak Death. She will be discussing the symptoms, spread, and management of the disease.

Over the past decade, Sudden Oak Death has emerged as a new forest disease epidemic responsible for the mortality of millions of trees in California's native coastal forests and threatening the biodiversity of these natural ecosystems. The disease is caused by a microscopic, fungal-like organism called *Phytophthora ramorum*, an exotic and invasive pathogen that was introduced to the United States and Europe from a third, yet unknown location.

Though *P. ramorum* is spread short distances through windblown rain and in infested soil, the movement of infected nursery plants may promote long-distance spread of the pathogen throughout the continent. Interestingly, this pathogen is closely related to the organism responsible for the Irish Potato Famine in the mid-1800s, which caused the death of a million people and incited the emigration of another million. Elizabeth welcomes the opportunity to answer any questions that the homeowners may have to help demystify this emerging epidemic.

Thoughts on Emergency Planning for Bennett Valley

By Craig S. Harrison and Frank LaCombe

The Santa Rosa *Press Democrat* reported that in a severe earthquake any road that crosses Rodgers Creek Fault (the northern extension of the Hayward Fault) will not be passable. We believe that such an emergency will likely leave many of us trapped by impassable roads, without electricity, without land line telephone service, existing cell towers damaged or capacity over-loaded, and without any realistic hope of outside assistance because emergency

resources will be focused on dense population centers. Our community would be left to its own resources, which we ought to assess.

We have developed the following list of issues and questions with respect to a serious emergency situation that we think our community should address.

1. We should familiarize ourselves with the Bennett Valley Fire Protection District's (BVFPD) severe emergency plan, and how they can assist residents. As the acting local governmental agency, can they use AM radio to keep residents in isolated communities informed of developments? How long can the generator last without additional fuel deliveries? Could people come to the fire station to charge batteries such as cell phone or other batteries?

2. Where, exactly does the Rodgers Creek Fault cross our roads? In reviewing state geological maps, the Rodgers Creek fault apparently crosses Pressley Road and Crane Canyon/ Grange Road, in Bennett Valley. The fault doesn't actually cross Bennett Valley Road until after the Calvary Cemetery but before the Fairgrounds. Can the County erect signs along the roadways to designate the fault line?

3. Where are the dead spots in our community for cell phones? Do we need more cell phone towers here? Will the existing towers function without electricity? How can we communicate with friends and family elsewhere who will be worried about our safety?

4. What should we do at a neighborhood level? Should neighborhoods organize into smaller emergency groups and develop localized plans for neighborhoods that are likely to be cut off from outside assistance? Would it assist the fire district if such groups provided (*continued on next page*) neighborhood damage and status assessments in

the immediate aftermath of a disaster? It would seem useful to develop a list of resources such as generators, tractors, fuel tanks, water tanks, short wave radios, solar power systems, doctors, nurses, plumbers, electricians and other skilled individuals.

5. Are there ways of securing home water tanks so they will survive an earthquake without leaking? Will the piping to fire suppression water tanks cause the tanks to leak in an earthquake?

6. Are there ways to connect batteries or generators to well pumps or fans for propane heating systems to allow their use when PG&E service is unavailable?

7. We recognize that each household should have sufficient water, canned and dry food, battery-powered radios and cooking implements (propane, BBQ and wood-burning stoves).

The Bennett Valley CERT training sessions which are being planned (see below) may address some of these issues. In addition, a meeting with the BVFPD, FEMA and Sonoma County officials might help our community understand their plans, assess whether they are sufficient, and learn what our community needs to do to implement those plans in a disaster.

BENNETT VALLEY “CERT” TRAINING
(Community Emergency Response Team)
Sonoma Co. Red Cross and FEMA Supported

Training Interested BV Residents To:

- ***Lend critical support to first responders***
- ***Provide immediate assistance for victims***
- ***Organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.***

Training Will Cover The Following:

- **Disaster Preparedness**
- **Fire Safety**
- **Disaster Medical Operations**
- **Triage and Treating Life-Threatening Injuries**
- **Light Search and Rescue**
- **Team Organization**
- **Disaster Psychology**
- **Terrorism and CERT Final Exercise**

The classes are tentatively scheduled for four Saturdays, September 9th, 16th, 30th, and October 14th, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the BV Fire Station, to help prepare us for any

emergency. The course will be limited to 30 people so it is important to sign up soon, by completing a CERT application. For more information and/or a CERT application, please contact Bennett Valley resident Karen Sommer at e-mail: ksommer11@earthlink.net or 528-8982 no later than August 15 to be in the class.

To be certified, you must complete all the classes, but make-up sessions will be scheduled. The only cost is a \$25 registration fee, which is returned to graduates as CERT safety equipment. The course will be closed after the first 30 registered applications have been received.

Bennett Valley Water Images
Water .. Water .. Everywhere!

By Michael Hickey

Look around our valley and everywhere you see water! You don't? Look again and see the creeks and waterfalls (*year-round and seasonal*), riparian corridors, the vernal pools, our reservoirs, cattle ponds and tanks, irrigation furrows and the water in our gullies, spas and swimming pools, even those pesky roadside puddles...

Water is something we talk about a lot here in Bennett Valley, but we really want you to stop and look at water in a different way – artistically.

Can you photograph, sketch, or paint some form of water that you see a little differently than most of us? Think about it, and then grab your camera or brushes ... because we'd like to see your image of some local water in the **2007 Bennett Valley Calendar**, from your own unique perspective. As you plan and arrange your images remember that our calendar pages are horizontal.

Before Friday, August 11, mail your pictures to Karen Sommer, 2707 Bennett Ridge Rd., Santa Rosa, 95404. The pictures may include photographs, slides or artistic images. Include your name as you want it to appear in the calendar, plus your telephone number, if there are any questions. If you want your pictures returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Questions? Please call Lolly Mesches (545-8684), Sandy Sandine (579-0282) or Karen Sommer (528-8982).

Get going now...“your water picture” may be a seasonal image, even now starting to recede or evaporate. We're eager to see it the way you

see it! You'll find the Calendar Entry Form on the back of the VOICE.

BV Residents' Written Comments...

By Bobbie Blair

The following comments were received from people sending in their 2006 BVHA dues and donations. These comments were very heartening and encouraging to read. You'll see that two "Editor Responses" were made to three of these comments.

- *Thank you for all the hard work you do.*
- *My concern is the ground water supply and the effect the ever increasing vineyards will have on it.*
- *Great job—appreciate all you do.*
- *Your news and community events are important—Thank You.*
- *Keep up the good work! Thank You.*
- *It is great to get the VOICE by e-mail.*
- *Thank you for all you do! We appreciate your hard work and the VOICE. Lots of great info.*
- *All OK.*
- *Need to develop horse trails to Glen Ellen.*
- *Keep up the good work and please protect the property rights of "all" home and land owners...Come visit Santa Barbara and see what I mean...Politicians want to be re-elected. We all know that and they will listen.*
- *As always, thanks for keeping us in touch with the happenings in our beautiful valley.*
- *Thanks for all your dedication and hard work.*
- *Found your most recent newsletter very informative. Thank you.*
- *All my thanks for what you are doing.*
- *Maybe we could get a petition to lower the speed limit on Sonoma Mountain Road. Lower from 40 to 30 mph to protect pedestrians, bicyclists, wildlife and residents.*
- *Reduce the speed limit on Sonoma Mountain Rd. to 25 mph.*

EDITOR'S RESPONSE: *About eight years ago Bennett Ridge Community Association contacted Sonoma Co. Public Works, (565-2231) specifically the traffic engineer, to request that the Bennett Ridge speed limit of 35 mph be lowered to 30 mph. After about two years, the Sonoma Co. traffic engineer evaluated the roadways and decided the speed limit should be 25 mph. There were further delays in implementation, but 25 mph is the current posted speed limit on all the Bennett Ridge roads. Perhaps people on Sonoma Mountain Road can circulate a petition among themselves, and then use the signed petition to contact the Sonoma Co. traffic engineer, requesting a reduced speed limit. It would help to send a copy of the signed petition with a letter to Public Works, with a copy to Supervisor Valerie*

Brown, and then to make occasional follow-up phone calls while waiting for PRMD'S response.

- *...We're concerned with the potential house which might be built in the lot across the road from us...Will you have any say in where they put their house?*

EDITOR'S RESPONSE: *BVHA is only contacted by PRMD when there are land use changes being proposed in Bennett Valley. If you're concerned about what your neighbors might be building, you can contact Sonoma Co. PRMD Design Review (565-1908) and/or local architectural review committees (such as In Bennett Ridge and Savannah Estates) to let them know your concerns and ask to be notified of any application for a permit for that particular parcel, as needed for both new homes and remodeling. Parcels available for new houses generally will have a recorded approved building envelope, defined as an area where the house is to be placed, so you can request further information on that from PRMD.*

Welcome To The Following Members

We really appreciate and welcome the following new members to BVHA. Some were former members who were missing from our membership last year: Margaret & Richard Eastwick, Bruce Henson, Dan Viele, Eileen & Kevin Berger, Carol & Greg Young, Andrea & Chris Wills, Danielle & Richard Hejamnowski, Rebecca & Jim Casciani, Cheryl & Keith Hughes, Esther & Daniel Penn, Mary Mack and Bill Finkelstein, Julia & Steve Fenner, John Ferrari, Nancy & Kevin Cooper, Theresa & Gary James.

Bennett Valley Grange Presents:

(Since 1873)

***134th Annual Community Barbecue
Sunday, June 4th, noon to 4:00 pm***

Come join us at the BV Grange Hall to "Celebrate the Sun" and enjoy local artists exhibiting their works, 4-H club farm animals display, a silent and live wine auction and live music by "Lip Service". We will be serving barbecued tri-tip or chicken, beans, cole slaw, bread and homemade desserts. Proceeds will benefit the preservation of our historic Grange Hall.

Advance tickets are adults, \$12.00, and children, \$6.00. Advance tickets are available by calling Jocelyn @ 542-6289 or Rob @ 546-2165. Tickets are also available at Barleycorns, The

Chop House and Pizzeria Grillo. Tickets for adults at the door are \$15.00.

Bennett Valley Fire Protection District

**6161 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa
(707) 578-7761 ((Non-Emergency Business Phone))**

Board of Directors

Mark Richardson, President
Joseph Mazeau, Vice-President
Marilee Jensen, Secretary
Arnie Tognozzi and Don D'Avanzo, Directors

*The Board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm, at the BV Fire Station. **You're welcome to attend, but please confirm the meeting date first.** If you have any questions or concerns, you can leave a message for the **Bennett Valley Fire Chief, Andy Pforsich, at 823-1084.***

Bennett Valley Paid Firefighting Staff

24-hour Shift Firefighting Engineers:
Captain Brian Campbell, Lieutenant Bryon Reid, and Engineer Gabe Stirnus
Daytime Firefighters, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm:
Danny Connelly*, Matt Tognozzi*, & Steve Gritsch
(*Also Engineers)

*Supplemented and supported by
25 to 30 Trained Firefighting Volunteers with at least
two of them spending the night at the Fire Station
every night.*

New Director on The BV Fire Board

On March 9th, Don D'Avanzo wrote a letter to the Bennett Valley Fire Chief, Andy Pforsich, saying he was willing to volunteer for the open position on the Bennett Valley Fire Protection District (BVFPD) Board of Directors.

"My family and I have lived on Ponderosa Dr. in the Woodside neighborhood for the past 20 years. We greatly appreciate the responsiveness and proximity of BVFD and have had personal experience with your rescue efforts. In 1995 BVFD volunteers responded to our house when our family experienced a medical emergency. At such a trying time the volunteers were extremely effective and very personable and comforting. We are very appreciative of their rapid and professional response during this event. We are very committed to maintaining and improving the excellent fire and rescue capabilities at the BVFD." At the March meeting, after reviewing his letter and interviewing him, the Board appointed Don D'Avanzo to the BVFPD Board, to replace Director Phillips, who had

resigned. Don was then sworn in at the next meeting, on April 11th, 2006.

BV Firefighter Activities;

March/ April 2006

By Lieutenant Bryon Reid

*Medical Aids- 5; Vehicle Accidents-11;
Structure Fires-1; Smoke Investigations-1;
Hazardous Conditions-2; Public Assists-3;
Fire Alarm Soundings-3; Vegetation Fire-1;*

Total Runs: 27

March and April are traditionally slow months for Bennett Valley. With the end of tax season comes the end of burn season. Burn season has ended for most permittees. The only exceptions are vineyard/orchard pruning burns **THAT ARE FOR COMMERCIAL GAIN.** Any questions may be addressed at the BAAQMD website as for they are the governing body of the burn season (www.baaqmd.gov).

The end of April also brought about the annual pancake breakfast. This year we served about 350 breakfasts. We had a jump house for the kids, and some adults, and a good turn out from the residents of Bennett Valley and surrounding communities. We would like to extend our gratitude for the support that we receive from the community.

Although the hills are still green, fire season is rapidly approaching. History has proved, season after season, that once the rain stops and the hills get a few warm weekends of sun, fire season will be in full bloom for the summer months. We encourage early morning and late evening weed cutting of property lines and vegetation surrounding structures and roads/driveways. It is always a safe bet to say that the easiest fire to fight is the one prevented. As always, thanks for your support and in the event of an emergency always dial 9-1-1.

Impact of Insurance Rating Improvement

There was an article in the March, 2006 VOICE explaining that because the quality of the Bennett Valley fire services had improved, the ISO (*Insurance Services Office*) rating had improved from a 6 to a 5, for those homes in Bennett Valley within 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant. Michael Friedenberg wrote us the following message after reading that article: *"I thought you might be interested to know that I contacted my insurance company regarding the new ISO rating and they said it will lower my rates. It would not have gone into effect unless I contacted them as generally they only apply it to new accounts..."* For your information.

What Happened to BV Spring Clean-Up Day on April 29th?

When the rains were coming down continually in March and April, and the water was rushing through the gullies along Bennett Valley Road, it was decided that it would be better to reschedule this clean-up when it would be both safer and presumably drier. For this reason, the **BV Spring Clean-up has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 3rd.**

Some of us didn't know about this change ahead of time and showed up at the BV Fire Station on April 29th. For future schedules, we now know that if we don't see the "BV Clean-Up Day" signs posted along BV Road at least two to three weeks ahead of time, something has changed.

We are asking volunteers to meet at the BV Fire Station at 8:30 am on Saturday, June 3rd. Donuts and coffee will be served. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, gloves, and a hat for sun protection. The BVHA provides "pick-up sticks" that are a great help in preventing sore backs. If you have questions, please call Eve Boling, 573-8614 or Sandy Sandine, 579-0282. We really appreciate the residents who come out to help keep our community roadsides free of litter.

Sonoma Mountain Road Closure!

The 6400 section of Sonoma Mountain Road, in an area between the Sonoma Mountain Zen Center, at 6367 Sonoma Mountain Road and Enterprise Rd., has been closed since mid-January, because the road has collapsed. And this isn't the first time! To quote a letter written by David A. Steiner, as Vice-President of BVHA, dated 1/26/87, to Don Head, then Director of Sonoma County Department of Public Works, "*I am writing to express our continuing concern over the slide in the 6400 area of Sonoma Mountain Road. Public Works made an excellent start on solving the problem when you drove the steel piles across the eastern half of the slide, but you have never completed the project. Since then, as you know, the western half of the slide has fallen away again, constricting the functional roadway to one-way traffic. We think the project should be completed, and soon, as the inconvenience of a few yards of one-way traffic pales before the specter of what could happen there. Those of us who have spent a few years on Sonoma Mountain can point to a number of smaller slides that have increased hundreds of feet in width and length in a very short time. A very possible such disaster would not only completely wipe out a long stretch of road, but also*

would put the Bates residence in the Haas' front yard...In any case, we are sure you'll agree that it is the County's responsibility to keep the road open, and that it will be easier to do so before than after a catastrophic slide on this dangerous site..."

What follows are some excerpts from a letter written on March 6th, 2006 from thirty-two residents living in that area, sent to the Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works: "*We are among a group of residents on Sonoma Mountain living near the 6400 section of Sonoma Mountain Road which is collapsing and was closed in mid January. We are extremely concerned about this closure and the impact it could have on emergency services and police and fire department timely access and response. As well for many, many of us it's a major inconvenience to our driving to work or school and other places...We know that the County engineers and staff have been looking at the road and are beginning to consider repair alternatives. **We suggest this should include identifying the source of the underground water and draining it away from the site of the slide.**"*

This same group of residents also wrote to Bennett Valley Homeowner's Association on March 6th, 2006, requesting our support "*in moving the review and repair of this problem toward a permanent solution. We are very much in need of urgent help..."* On April 16th, 2006, Michael and Helen Bates, living close to the heart of this problem at 6471 Sonoma Mountain Rd., wrote a follow-up letter to the Sonoma Co. Dept. of Transportation and Public Works, requesting "*...a meeting be scheduled as quickly as possible so that those of us most directly affected by the slide can be aware of the alternative proposals to solve the (long-standing) problem and re-open Sonoma Mountain Rd...**The situation has deteriorated dramatically in the last few days as the retaining wall fails and the roadbed sinks below it...The slide is now approximately 250' wide and growing...**"*

Bennett Valley Homeowner's Association has sent a letter of strong support to Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works, dated May 7th, 2006, expressing our concern for the closure of this road and noting that it is affecting all of us, either directly or indirectly. "*Given the emergency nature of this situation, we are urging you to respond as promptly and effectively as possible...we are requesting that you work with the residents of Sonoma Mountain Road as soon as possible, **to explore and provide appropriate solutions to this longstanding problem...**"* We are also asking that a BVHA representative be present at this meeting between residents in that area, and the Sonoma County staff and consultants, including Supervisor Valerie Brown's office.

Draft Sonoma County General Plan 2020

Greg Carr, Manager, Sonoma County's Comprehensive Planning Division of the Permit Resource and Management Department (PRMD), was the speaker at our last BVHA meeting on March 22nd. He provided us with an excellent summary of the overall process and the important points being considered in this draft General Plan 2020.

The tentative schedule for the public hearings on the draft General Plan 2020 was published as follows:
(April 11, 2006 Circulation and Transit Element)
(May 9th, 2006 Agricultural Resources Element)

**July 18th, 2006, Open Space and Resource
Conservation Element**
August 15th, 2006 Water Resources Element
**September 19th, 2006 Land Use Element and
related changes to zoning, area plans and
specific plans**

These public hearings are tentatively scheduled for 6:00 pm, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 575 Administration Drive in Santa Rosa, but hearing dates, times and locations may be changed. The Planning Commission will make every effort to maintain this schedule, but it is subject to change in order to accommodate public testimony and consideration of actions on each element. The telephone hotline at 565-8354 will be updated as changes are made.

Draft GP 2020 and related information may be reviewed at the GP2020 website, www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/gp2020, or at the PRMD File Counter at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa or at the branches of the Sonoma County library. Questions concerning draft elements can be directed to the applicable PRMD staff, as follows:

Circulation & Transit – Gary Helfrich, 565-8340
Agricultural Resources – Scott Briggs, 565-8351
Open Space & Resource Conservation/ Water Resources – Bob Gaiser, 565-8343
Land Use & related changes – Lisa Posternak, 565-7383

Written comments may be presented at the hearings or submitted before hearings to PRMD Comprehensive Planning, 2550 Ventura Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 or faxed to 707-565-8343. The scheduled hearing date for each element may be the last opportunity to provide comments on that subject.

The final decisions on this General Plan 2020 will be made by the Board of Supervisors, after the public hearings are completed.

For Bennett Valley, the following changes are being considered:

- **Fire sprinklers in rural homes where “significant remodeling” is being done:** *Presently, as of April, 2004, all new homes must have inside fire sprinklers, but this is not a requirement for remodeling or additions to an existing home unless the total square footage of the home is more than 6,600 square feet. Requiring fire sprinklers in homes where significant remodeling is being done is also being considered in this draft General Plan.*

- **Road Designations:** *In the previous General Plan, both Grange Rd. and Bennett Valley Road were classified as “secondary arterial roads”. This definition didn't fit with the State and Federal definitions for secondary arterial roads, so they are being proposed to be reclassified as “rural major collectors”, for serving local traffic rather than through traffic. However, this decision is not yet final.*

- **The Bennett Valley Area Plan may also need to be changed to include the proposed policy for outdoor lighting,** as Area Plans can be more restrictive but not less restrictive than the General Plan. This proposed policy in the draft Sonoma County General Plan 2020 is as follows:

“...Night time views of both the landscape and sky can be significantly degraded by excessive and unnecessary levels of light which increase “sky glow” around urban areas...and result in visual clutter at night. Appropriate light levels for varying uses are balanced with a desire to maintain Sonoma County's rural character and preserve views of the night time skies for residents and visitors.

GOAL – Preserve and maintain views of the night time skies and visual character of urban, rural and natural areas, while allowing for night-time lighting levels appropriate to the use and location...

POLICIES – 4a: Require that all new development projects, county projects and signage utilize light fixtures which shield the light source so that light is cast downward and which are not more than the minimum height and power necessary to adequately light the proposed use. -4b: Prohibit continuous all night exterior lighting in rural areas, unless it is demonstrated to the decision-making body that such lighting is necessary for security or operation purposes.”

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- 2006 BV Calendar; Suzanne Dougherty's extra efforts pay off!
- BVHA Nominating Committee and Board of Director Elections for September 2006.

**COME JOIN BVHA AND SUPPORT OUR
RURAL COMMUNITY**

by Bobbie Blair, BVHA Membership Coordinator
If you haven't already joined your BVHA, why not send your check in now? The goal is to preserve and protect our lovely Valley and you can help. The dues are only \$15.00. Your continued support is very important. If you have sent in your membership, thank you very much. If you forgot or are still considering it, please join and help support BVHA. Please send your check, made out to "BVHA", to Blair/Dougherty, 7373 Bennett Valley Rd. Santa Rosa, CA 95404, for the annual dues of \$15, plus any donation you might like to make. You can get your copy of the VOICE faster and help the Association save money by receiving your VOICE by e-mail. Just include your e-mail address and return it with your dues. We will do all the rest. If you have questions, please call Bobbie at 542-1608 or e-mail her at dreams7373@sbcglobal.net.

**Brief Summary, BVHA Board Meeting,
March 22nd, 2006**

- Greg Carr was the speaker, as summarized on Page Six. The changes being considered will have minimal impact on Bennett Valley.
- Eric Burns reported the BVHA website has been updated. At his recommendation, BVHA will be purchasing 2 Acrobat files, at a cost of \$70, to improve the way additions and updates can be made to the website.
- The matter of the Sonoma Mountain Road closure, as described on Page Five, was discussed. The BVHA Board strongly supported the residents on Sonoma Mountain and it was agreed that BVHA should send a letter to Public Works, expressing our support.

**Board of Directors' Tentative Agenda
Wednesday, May 17th, 7 pm, BV Grange**

- Suzanne Dougherty announces the BV Grange Community Barbecue planned for June 4th.
- **Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Fichtner, a UC Davis research scientist, will present a brief overview of Sudden Oak death, discussing the symptoms, spread, and management of the disease.**
- Plans for BVHA 2007 "Water" Calendar
- BVHA Website Status
- BV Emergency Preparedness Committee Report
- Proposed Bennett Valley CERT training at the BV Fire Station, four Saturdays, up to five hours each, in September and October.

**BENNETT VALLEY COMMUNITY CALENDAR
(Remember to mark these dates on your calendar.)**

- 1.) BENNETT VALLEY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION (BVHA):** The next BVHA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17th, 7:00 pm at the BV Grange Hall.
- 2.) BENNETT VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: (BVFPD)** The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Bennett Valley Fire Station.
- 3.) BENNETT VALLEY GRANGE COMMUNITY BARBECUE:** The Grange is having their 134th Annual Community Barbecue on Sunday, June 4th, noon to 4:00 pm, with wine auction, art show and more! See article on Page Three for more details.
- 4.) BENNETT VALLEY SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY:** Saturday, June 3rd, 8:30 am, at the Bennett Valley Fire Station. See article on Page Five.
- 5.) SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** meets every Tuesday (except on weeks when there is a holiday) at varying times at 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa. Valerie Brown is the County Supervisor for our First District. You may call her or Lynn Morton-Weil, her Aide, at 565-2241, with questions or concerns.

CALENDAR PHOTO ENTRY FORM 2007

Images of Water In Bennett Valley

Deadline: August 11, 2006

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ NUMBER OF ENTRIES: _____

- Photos of BV water and photos of original images of BV water are being requested.
- A horizontal format works best on the calendar page.
- Please put the photo title and date taken on the back of each picture.
- Please do not put your name on the back of the photographs.
- If you want your images mailed back to you, please include a SASE.

Mail this form and photos to: Karen Sommer
2707 Bennett Ridge Rd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

We are happy to answer questions. Call: Karen 528-8982
or e-mail: ksommer11@earthlink.net

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Bennett Valley Homeowner's Association
P.O. Box 2666
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

BVHA web-page: bennettvalleyhomeowners.org

SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF BVHA: *"To promote and preserve the rural character and natural environment of Bennett Valley, serve as an open forum for Bennett Valley community participation and provide a bridge for communication between government agencies and the Bennett Valley community."*

Return Service Requested

BVHA Spring Clean-Up Day, June 3rd, 8:30 am

BV Grange BBQ, June 4th, noon until 4:00 pm
Includes Wine Auction and Art Show