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CAPAY VALLEY VISION INCORPORATES AS NEW NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUP

ESPARTO – A new regional non-profit organization, Capay Valley Vision, Inc., has recently been incorporated and has applied for tax-exempt status.

Capay Valley Vision has been organized to establish a collaborative planning process for the geographic region encompassing Esparto and the Capay Valley. The group is seeking to stimulate an on-going, constructive dialogue among the various forces for change in the region.

The founding directors include David Scheuring, Paula Lorenzo, Sue Heitman, Arlen Opper, Paul Muller, Jorgi Boom, Jan Lowrey, and Ron Voss. Scheuring currently serves as president while Lorenzo is acting as vice-president. Muller and Heitman are secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Capay Valley Vision is actively applying for funding through various granting agencies for the purpose of creating a Community Council, to be composed of delegates from existing community organizations. The Council is expected to meet quarterly to advise the organization's Board of Directors and to elect new directors as terms expire.

As grant funds become available, Capay Valley Vision will initiate a series of community visioning workshops, which will try to engage the entire community in creating a shared vision for the future of the region. The workshops will particularly attempt to find and build consensus on issues of growth and change.

Community discussions and consensus-building will be followed by the development of an action plan to achieve those goals upon which consensus has been reached. Capay Valley Vision, Inc. is expected to be a pro-active force fostering improvements while protecting the unique character of the community.

Future articles will describe in more detail the development and progress of the organization.

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