

Angwin community sees major victory . . .

County Punctures Angwin Urban Bubble. Pulls Agricultural Lands out of Urban Category



More than 200 acres of prime farmland in Angwin will be preserved from residential development under a County policy in the new General Plan. Save Rural Angwin pushed hard for the action.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors has amended the new General Plan to remove agricultural lands from several urban bubbles around the county, including more than 200 acres north of the Pacific Union College core campus. These lands have been zoned Agricultural for decades, the supervisors reasoned, and should no longer be earmarked for urbanization.

Save Rural Angwin, the Napa County Farm Bureau and the Sierra Club had argued for months that the Angwin Urban Bubble be punctured. This action by the County gives the Angwin community some assurance that more than 200 acres of agriculturally-zoned lands north of the campus along Howell Mountain Road should not be developed. That acreage could potentially support 1000 new houses, dramatically changing the nature of this village. The college had lobbied vigorously to keep its development options open, but the supervisors listened to other voices.

BE AWARE . . The parcels described above do not include the proposed Triad project in the heart of Angwin. That project would be on a different location (directly across from the PUC core campus). When the pending Environmental Impact Report is completed in several months, the Board will hold public hearings on the merits of the Triad project.

“We will vigorously oppose this subdivision and its 380 new units when it comes onto the table,” said SRA Spokesman Allen Spence,

SRA has had two goals since the first day it organized. One was to get policies into the new County General Plan which would preserve the rural setting of the village. Puncturing the Angwin Urban Bubble was a major first step toward that goal. The other SRA goal is to defeat the Triad project.

The battle goes on . . . County supervisors are now studying additional changes in the new General Plan which could encourage or discourage large subdivisions on other Angwin land. See following story for update.