

The Ojai Valley-Wide Discussions Master Document

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the planning, the meetings, and most importantly, the work produced by the participants in the series of three Ojai Valley-wide Discussions held in 2006 and 2007. The narrative below provides a summary of the meeting process, while the various appendices contain the work product of the participants and the information provided to the participants by Supervisor Bennett's Office. The narrative and appendices together comprise the master document and recommendations of the Discussions participants.

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Overview

In response to requests from Ojai Valley residents, Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett held a series of public meetings in 2006 and 2007 designed to allow residents to develop a better understanding of and meet people from the various communities of the Ojai Valley. In addition the meetings focused on brainstorming win-win projects to improve the Valley that would generate broad support among residents valley wide. The goal of the Ojai Valley-wide Discussions was to build a cohesive group to work towards common goals that would benefit the Ojai Valley.

Outreach

We set out to attract a wide range of ages, cultures, backgrounds and perspectives in order to have a critical mass of residents that adequately represented the Ojai Valley. We pursued this goal by:

- 1) Mailing an invitation to every household in the Ojai Valley; this amounted to over 12,000 invitations total (Appendix a).
- 2) Attaching a business reply card to each invitation so that residents could respond free of charge.
- 3) Providing all initial outgoing information from our office in Spanish as well as English.
- 4) Distributed a survey to participants who registered for the first meeting, which allowed us to assess where we needed to focus our outreach (Appendix b)
- 5) Placing several notices and press releases in the Ojai Valley News.
- 6) Developing a website to conveniently communicate, provide information and allow residents to register online and become part of a listserv.
- 7) Asking those who had registered to invite their friends and neighbors to attend.

There was a strong response to the invitation; 520 individuals registered for the first Ojai Valley-wide Discussion set for November 12, 2006, and an additional 98 residents wished to be on our mailing list. With the large number of people attending, it was necessary to hold the meeting at the Nordhoff High School Gymnasium.

The Basic Discussion Process

In order to enable all participants in the series of meetings to share and discuss the issues most important to them, the meeting plan centered around small discussion tables. Groups of seven participants, ideally from different areas of the valley, would sit together and discuss their views and perspectives. The discussions would be facilitated by a Table Leader. Our goal was to provide enough information that participants would have a shared understanding of basic topics in the Ojai Valley before they began their discussions. After conversing on several topics, tables would bring the issues they agreed upon to the entire group. In the end, there would be a substantial list of issues collected from each table representing the range of concerns developed by the entire group of attendees. With the use of an audience response system keypad, each table would be able to rank issues. This would narrow down the list to a workable size.

The First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: November 12, 2006 2:00-4:30 PM **(Agenda- Appendix c)**

In order to encourage opportunities to meet new people and hear new perspectives, each registered participant was assigned to a seat. . Couples were encouraged to sit at different tables. Arrangements were in place to register and seat anyone in attendance who didn't pre-register. Table Leaders were recruited in advance from the list of registered participants and attended an orientation/training session prior to the meeting. Each Table Leader was provided

with a packet containing all the forms and response sheets to be turned in as well as individual folders and nametags for each participant.

Of the 520 registered participants, 266 attended the first meeting. To facilitate lively discussion, tables with empty seats were consolidated. The meeting began promptly at 2:00pm with Greg Bayless as the host and Dr. Robert Fraise as the moderator.

Ojai Valley Statistics Presentation

The meeting commenced with a PowerPoint Presentation on the Ojai Valley. The presentation provided background on the eight different communities of Ojai. The eight identified communities for this presentation were Casitas Springs, Oak View, Mira Monte, Meiners Oaks, City of Ojai, East End and Upper Ojai. The information provided described each community, with acreage, populations, ethnicity, and age of each community.

The presentation also identified some of the ways residents in the Ojai Valley are linked together and are interdependent.

- 1) Geographically through a unified watershed, a single air shed and four roadways in and out of the Ojai Valley.
- 2) Socially, residents are linked through Valley-wide organizations such as HELP of Ojai and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.
- 3) Economically, residents share the major inflow of dollars to the Ojai Valley through tourism and government.

The divided structural arrangement of local governments in the Valley can pose challenges to Valley residents as they navigate occasional differences in policies or jurisdictional boundaries. The Ojai Valley is divided by multiple government agencies for providing the basic services of schools, recreation, water, and government representation. The presentation provided participants with a shared foundation of information as they began group discussions.

Group Discussion

Participants at each table were asked to create two lists of issues that could improve the Ojai Valley:

First List: The criteria for the first list were issues that are important and possess likely solutions that appear doable and will relatively quickly win broad support.

Second List: The criteria for the second list were issues that are important but solutions appear relatively challenging and will take more time to win broad support.

Participants were given time to write down the issues that were important to them on their individual response form. Each participant was then allotted time to present their issue to their table and state their case. Once all issues had been presented, each table voted on every issue to determine the top two issues from each list for each table. The four top issues from each table were then brought to the front of the room to be put into categories. While many participants' individual issues did not make the larger categories list, their issues were not discarded. All individual response forms (Appendix d) were turned in at the end of the meeting and compiled (Individual Responses)

Participant Contact Information: Included on the individual response form was the option for participants to provide their personal contact information to be collated into a

directory for the next meeting to facilitate communication amongst participants (Directory-Appendix e).

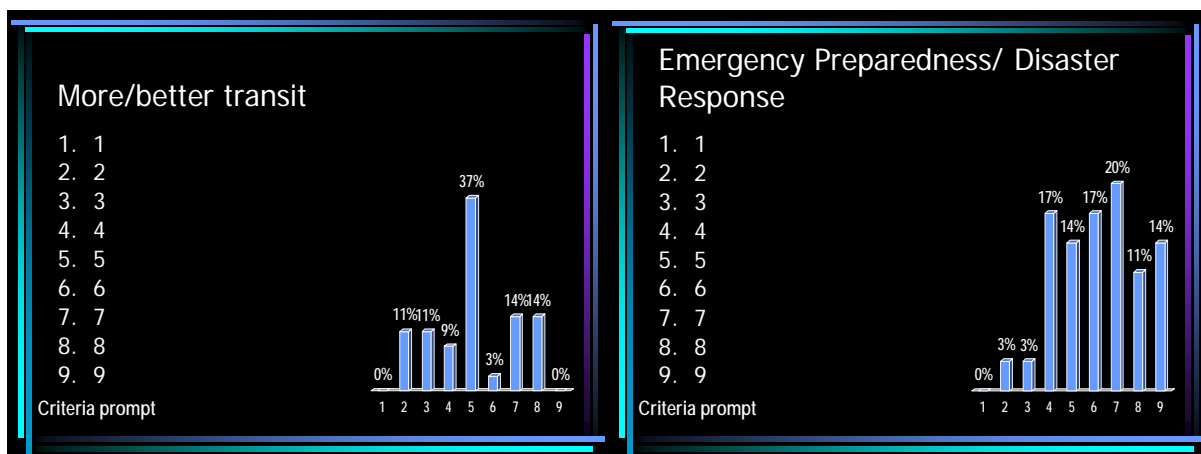
Voting

As the table issues were being put into categories for both lists, it became apparent that the issues submitted as “doable” and the issues submitted as “challenging” were very similar. In order to create a workable list for the entire group of attendees to vote on, the two lists were consolidated into one list. From there the list was dropped into a PowerPoint slide for each table to rank in order of most important. The top eight items were:

More/better transit
Emergency Preparedness/ Disaster Response
Hospital emergency room
Valley-wide communication
Valley-wide plan for development
Gangs Crime
Sustainability/ green building
Traffic
After school youth programs and facilities

Results of First Discussion

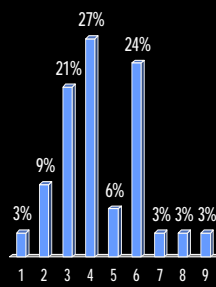
With the use of an audience response system, each table was able to rank each issue 1-9, with 9 being most important and 1 being least important. Each table first had to vote among themselves to decide how they would rank each issue. Once a decision was made, the table leader entered their ranking, which the computer then averaged. Because the issue of affordable housing was mistakenly omitted from the list, the moderator instructed the audience to include affordable housing in their ranking. After the computer tallied the results, the meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. The results of the audience response system voting are as follows:



Hospital emergency room

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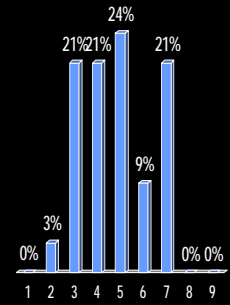
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Valley-wide communication

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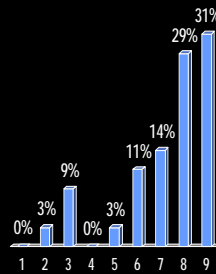
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Valley-wide Plan for development

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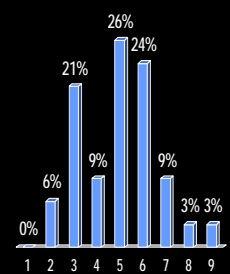
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Gangs Crime

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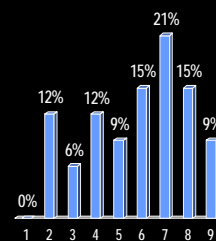
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Sustainability/green building

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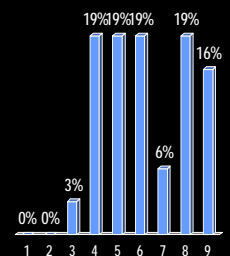
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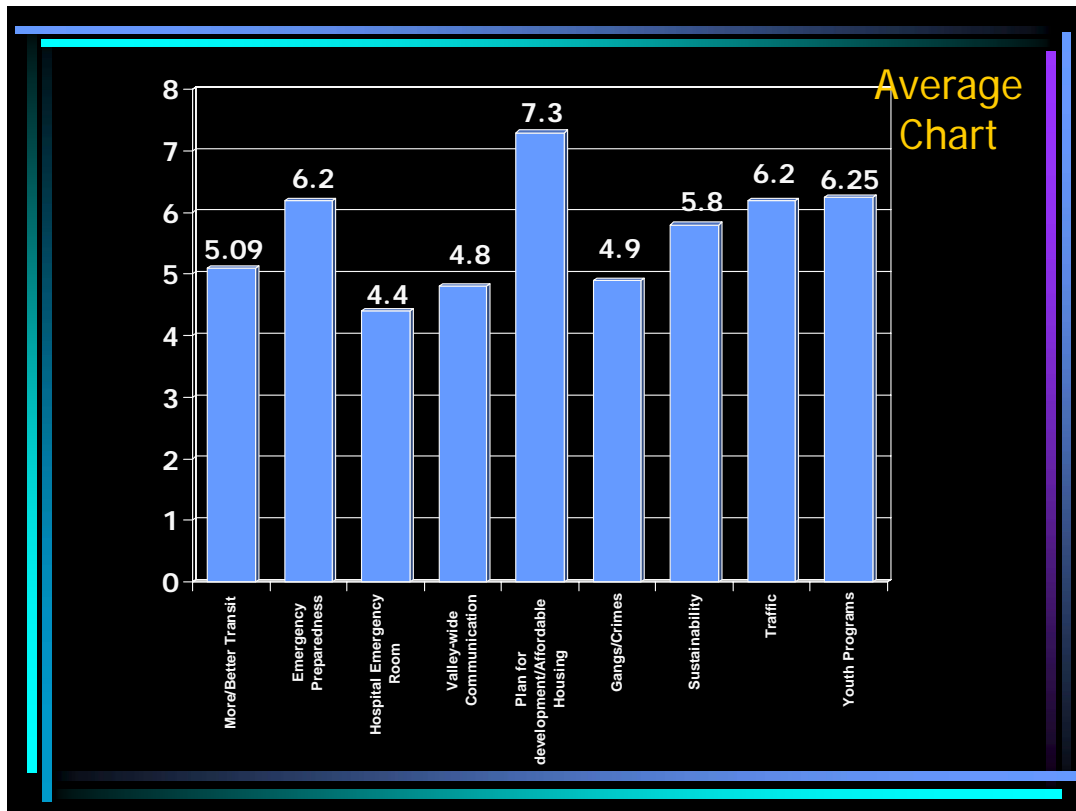


After school youth programs and facilities

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11. 9

Criteria prompt





Post Meeting

After the meeting, Supervisor Bennett and staff reviewed all of the information collected from individual participants and each table.

All the responses were entered into a data base and categorized by whether they were “Easy” to do and probably have broad support or “Hard” to win broad support and get accomplished, and then grouped again by category such as Disaster Preparedness, Recreation, etc. (Appendix f)

The entire list of individual and table issues was posted on the Ojai Valley-wide Discussions website.

Preparation for Meeting Two

The individual and table issues submitted at the first meeting were consolidated and refined into the following core list of issues and action items:

Disaster Plan/Preparedness, CERT & Hospital

- 1) Improve our ability to be prepared for a disaster
- 2) Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program
- 3) Improve communications during emergencies
- 4) Improve the hospital and emergency room

- 5) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster Plans

Recreation Services Valley wide

- 1) Create a valley-wide recreation district
- 2) Improve existing play fields and expand the number of fields available
- 3) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth
- 4) Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions after the group ranking

Transportation and Mass Transit

- 1) Improve public transit in and out of the valley
- 2) Decrease car use within the valley by expanding the trolley/public transit and use of other transportation alternatives
- 3) Improve road maintenance
- 4) Improve efficiency of traffic flow

Environmental Improvements- Preserving Open Space-Global Warming- Sustainability

- 1) Preserve existing open space in the Valley
- 2) Promote green building valley wide
- 3) Create an environmental education program
- 4) Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community.

Community Improvement

- 1) Develop a community clean-up and beautification action plan
- 2) Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up
- 3) Improve roadway landscaping
- 4) Increase code enforcement

Community Connections

- 1) Improve dialogue between groups of people valley wide
- 2) Improve communication and coordination between government agencies
- 3) Develop a “buy local” campaign to support local agriculture and business

Affordable Housing

Youth-Teen Center

To provide the participants with background information before the second meeting, the comprehensive, core list of issues/ action items along with relevant information pertaining to each issue was distributed before the meeting. Included in the packet were specific table and individual issues corresponding to the refined core issues (Appendix g). The specific issues were identified by the name of the individual or table that came up with that issue.

Process

The goal for the second meeting was to prioritize a short list of “Easy” actionable issues that the group would like more information about. The criteria would be: 1. prioritize what will fairly quickly and easily win broad Valley wide support; 2. prioritize what will encourage Valley wide cooperation; and 3. prioritize what will do the above and have an impact on the Ojai Valley.

We then asked the following questions about the top-ranked items: 1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate actions steps; 2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal; 3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal; 4. In your opinion is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, yes or no; and 5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

The discussion and decision making process would be similar to the first, with some changes made to address feedback from the first meeting. In particular, the evaluation forms indicated participants would like more uninterrupted time to deliberate and discuss issues at their table before making a decision. In addition, participants were overwhelmingly positive about the assigned seating and the opportunity to meet and learn the perspectives of new people.

To facilitate more in-depth discussion it was decided that tables would hold discussions on one action item subject at a time. For example, a table would discuss Disaster Plan/Preparedness, then participants would be given ample time to deliberate, personally rank the action items on their individual response form (Appendix h), and then vote on the table's ranking of the action items. At the end of each discussion of a particular action item subject, the entire audience would electronically rank each of the action items. The top two items would make it to a final list.

This format made it possible for participants to be assigned to a different table for different topics, thus giving them an opportunity to interact with more people. At the end of the session, participants would reconvene at their original table to rank the final list of action items.

The Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: April 15, 2007 1:45- 4:45 PM **(Agenda- Appendix i)**

Participants were assigned to the same table as the first meeting. The meeting began promptly at 1:45 pm with 167 participants.

Disaster Plan/Preparedness, CERT and Hospital

The meeting commenced with a PowerPoint presentation on Disaster Plan/Preparedness, CERT and Hospital. Attendees were given individual forms which allowed them to rank each action item as well as give suggestions about what information they would need to be properly prepared for a disaster (Individual Suggestions). About 20 minutes were given for table deliberation and electronic voting. The participants voted to move the following two action items to the final list:

- 1) *Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program*
- 2) *Improve communication during emergencies*

Affordable Housing

Participants at the first discussion session identified Affordable Housing as an important issue but it required a challenging solution. While it did not fit the criteria of an early win-win topic it was decided to hold a discussion during this second session about Affordable Housing so that people could share their views. Should a future group of citizens decide to work on this challenging issue, they could access the feedback from this session to help them in their efforts. The participants were asked to answer the following questions:

- 1) What are all the factors that make the issue of affordable housing a hard issue for Ojai Valley residents to reach consensus on?

- 2) What are the key steps or conceptual approaches that could make affordable housing work and be an easier issue to reach consensus on? ([Click here for results](#))

Participants then moved to a new table.

Recreation Services Valley wide and Mass Transit/ Transportation

After a PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint presentations), attendees were given individual forms asking them to rank each action item as well as give suggestions about what information they would need to accomplish this action item (Individual Suggestions). Every table was given 20 minutes to discuss and vote. Electronic voting determined the following items would be on the final list:

Recreation Services:

- 1) *Create a valley-wide recreation district*
- 2) *Expand recreational programs, particularly for youth*

Mass Transit:

- 1) *Improve public transit in and out of the valley and*
- 2) *Decrease car use within the valley by expanding the trolley/public transit and use of other transportation alternatives*

Participants were then asked to return to their original table.

Environmental Improvements-Preserving Open Space-Global Warming-Sustainability

After a PowerPoint presentation, participants were given individual forms which allowed them to rank each action item as well as give suggestions about what information they would need to accomplish this action item (Individual Suggestions). Tables were given 20 minutes to discuss and vote on how the table should rank the environmental action items.

For Environmental Improvements:

- 1) *Preserve existing open space in the Valley*
- 2) *Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community.*

Community Improvement and Connecting the Community

Next a short PowerPoint on Community Improvement and Connecting the Community was presented. Attendees were given individual forms which allowed them to rank each action item as well as give suggestions about what information they would need to accomplish this action item. Tables that were even-numbered were asked to discuss and deliberate on the topic of Community Improvement and odd-numbered tables were asked to discuss and deliberate on the topic of Connecting the Community.

After the electronic voting, the action items added to the final list were:

Community Improvement:

- 1) *Develop community cleanup and beautification action plan*
- 2) *Focus on graffiti prevention and cleanup.*

Connecting the Community

- 1) *Improve dialogue between groups of people valley-wide*
- 2) *Reduce gang activity/crime through valley-wide meetings and conflict mediation*

Youth Center

Because the first meeting responses included so many references to developing a youth center, it seemed unnecessary to deliberate the issue. So the youth center action item was automatically placed on the final list. Ten youth attended the Ojai Valley-wide Discussions. To provide an opportunity for these young people to work together and voice their opinions as a group, they moved to create two new “youth” tables for this part of the discussion. Then all the tables were asked the following:

What would be the best 3 things we could do for the youth of the Ojai Valley in the next 5 years?

After 10 minutes of discussion the youth tables presented their ideas to the audience. Other tables also shared ideas. ([Click here for results.](#))

Final Voting

During the final electronic voting there was a glitch in our system. The results of the electronic voting were inaccurate. The next day, Supervisor Bennett's office used the individual and table forms to hand tabulate the final results (Appendix j)

There were two action items that scored significantly above the rest:

- 1) *Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program*
- 2) *Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community.*

The results were emailed to all participants that morning.

Preparation for Meeting Three

The group's two top-ranked action items would be the focus of meeting three. The responses from meeting two were reviewed and the information requested by the individuals and tables was compiled. Research was done, maps prepared and information gathered by Supervisor Bennett's office for presentation at meeting three. Experts or people with key roles regarding these issues were invited to make presentations at the meeting, including the County Fire Chief, City Police Chief/Sheriff Captain and members of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition.

To encourage as broad of participation as possible, we invited everyone on our mailing list by e-mail or written letter to attend the final meeting. There was also an announcement in the Ojai Valley News inviting any resident who was interested to attend.

Process

Whereas the first two meetings focused on identifying and ranking issues, the third meeting was designed to provide specific ways to provide the information and tools to move toward action on top ranked items. Participants were provided with detailed presentations on what activities are

already taking place and are planned for disaster preparedness and the Ojai Valley becoming a model green community. For disaster preparedness, information from the individuals about their neighborhoods and communities would be solicited to help move the process forward. Attendees were provided with opportunities to take training classes and join existing groups. In addition, participants were given individual action ideas to assist them in taking the next steps towards Disaster Preparation and making the Ojai Valley a Model Green community.

The Third Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: October 28, 2007 1:30-4:30 PM **(Agenda- Appendix k)**

The meeting began promptly at 1:30 PM with 132 attendees.

The meeting was divided into three sections based on the top scoring issues from the previous meeting. The two top issues, Making Ojai a Model Green Community and Disaster Preparedness, took up the first two hours of the discussion and combinations of lower-ranked issues were discussed during the last hour.

Disaster Preparedness 1:30-2:30 PM

A brief update on current efforts toward better disaster preparedness and progress made in the past few months was provided.

Police Chief and Sheriff Captain Bruce Norris spoke about emergency communications in the Ojai Valley. Grant funding has been allocated for a low-power AM Radio station in the Valley and a location for the antenna has been secured. Operational Plans are in the works. Captain Norris also provided an update on the new Reverse 911 system, which enables the Office of Emergency Services to rapidly notify many residents of important emergency information via telephone. He also provided an update on HAM radio efforts in the Ojai Valley and how they are important to emergency operations, and improvements of the Sheriff and Fire radio systems.

It was acknowledged that, in the event of a major disaster/emergency, professional emergency responders would not be able to be everywhere at once. Residents need to be prepared to take care of themselves and their families. Attendees were provided with a range of disaster preparedness pamphlets and information to help themselves and their families to become adequately prepared for any type of disaster. Also included were materials from the American Red Cross, including an upcoming Red Cross training session in the Ojai Valley. (Power Point Presentation) Additionally, supplementary materials on how to prepare for pandemic influenza, bioterrorism attack, flood, pets, etc. were made available at an "Information Table".

Next Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Roper made a presentation about Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Chief Roper emphasized the unlikelihood of professionals having the capability to assist the entire Ojai Valley should a large scale disaster occur. He encouraged residents to receive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The training provides residents with the basic knowledge and skills to help their family and neighbors before professional help arrive. CERT training is sponsored by the Ventura County Fire Department and the next training for the Ojai Valley will begin on January 16, 2007.

After the presentation, attendees were divided into seven smaller groups based on their residence. In these groups, attendees were asked to identify the hazards, resources and vulnerable populations in their communities. (Disaster Response Form- Appendix l)

Detailed maps were provided for every community. Attendees divided their community into neighborhood subdivisions that could be easily self-managed. This exercise was designed to provide a foundation and a valuable resource as the Ojai Valley becomes more disaster prepared. (Community Map Results) Participants were also asked if they would commit to CERT training and if they could recommend others in their community who might become trained and/or volunteer as a neighborhood coordinator. Of the 132 attendees, 75 said they were willing to attend CERT training and 36 said they were willing to be a CERT coordinator for their neighborhood. (Community Disaster Responses and Individual Disaster Responses)

Making Ojai a Model Green Community 2:30-3:30 PM

An award-winning video on Green Building produced by Ojai Resident Jim Jackson started this session. Next, a Powerpoint Presentation about the current energy use in the Ojai Valley was presented, followed by ways attendees could individually reduce their impact on the earth and increase the sustainability of the Ojai Valley. The audience was provided with a workbook entitled, "Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Program to Lose 5,000 Pounds," by David Gershon. This workbook offers simple and easy ways to decrease one's overall impact on the earth by reducing energy and water consumption, recycling, reusing, and promoting the consumption of sustainable foods and renewable energy. Also supplied, was a short list identifying steps attendees could take to reduce their impact for those who were not able to commit to the full 30 day program (Appendix m).

The meeting then shifted gears to provide attendees with an avenue for the Ojai Valley as a whole to become a model green community.

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition (OVGC) is an organization that formed in late 2006, not long after the first Ojai Valley Wide Discussion. Dr. Tim Baird, president of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition, presented a video encouraging folks to become involved in protecting and building a sustainable Ojai Valley. He also gave a presentation on how the coalition began, their committee structure and how they will go about accomplishing their goals. There are six committees in the OVGC focusing on the issues of Waste Management, Food and Agriculture, Energy Conservation, Water and Land Use, Building and Construction, Environmental Health and Transportation. Each OVGC committee chair gave a brief presentation to all attendees on the basics of their committee. Separate tables had been set up for each committee and participants were invited to visit a committee, and learn more from the committee chair about the goals and activities of that particular committee. Participants were able to leave a pre-printed "business card" with their contact information if they would like to join or be kept informed about that OVGC committee. After 10 minutes, participants were invited to visit a second committee.

Recreation and Youth 3:30- 4:30PM

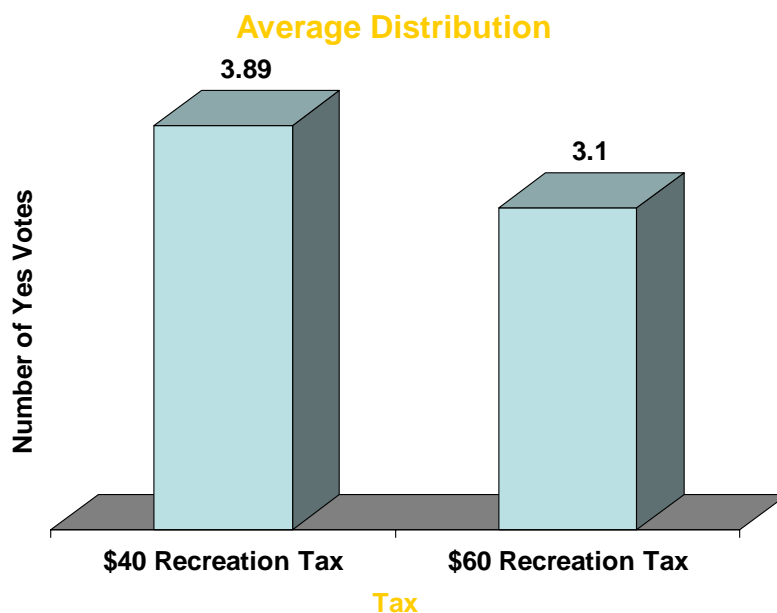
The issue of more recreation and youth facilities in the Ojai Valley was a recurrent theme among the top eight issues. Although it did not rank as one of the highest issues, it was deemed a topic worth more exploration. Supervisor Bennett presented two methods the residents of the Ojai Valley could use in accomplishing the goal of creating a recreation or youth facility.

The first option is creating a benefit assessment district. This means that a district would be created surrounding the location of the recreational facility and the rate of taxation to residents would be based on the proximity to the facility. A benefit assessment tax would require a 50% voter approval for all residents living within the benefit assessment district. However, a benefit assessment district would be complicated for a valley-wide effort. There are upfront costs of

about \$30,000, the taxation rate would vary depending upon proximity to the facility and a benefit assessment could not fund services or programs, such as supervisors or recreation leaders.

The second option is a parcel tax. It would charge every parcel in the Ojai Valley a flat amount for the recreational facility and operations. A 2/3 vote would be needed to put this into action. A parcel tax would allow for a minimal cost before the vote and a low annual administration fee. A parcel tax could fund services and programs.

To assess the amount of money the residents of Ojai are willing to be taxed to have a recreational or a youth facility, a straw poll was conducted. The number of people at each table was evened out. The tables' average size was five people per table. An anonymous vote was held at each table, which allowed attendees to vote yes or no for 1) A \$60 recreation tax and yes or no for 2) A \$40 recreation tax. Then the table leaders used the audience response system to enter the number of yes votes for each tax amount. The computer averaged the results;. If the averaged result was more than 2.5 then we could determine that more than 50% of the attendees were in favor of being taxed that particular amount. The results of the straw poll are below.



A majority of attendees were willing to be taxed either \$40 or \$60, but a significant number of attendees were more comfortable with a \$40 tax. The \$40 tax appeared to have support of more than 2/3rd of participants.

Outcomes /Conclusion

As a result of the Ojai Valley-wide Discussions:

1. Hundreds of interested citizens working with others from around the Valley developed greater understanding of shared values and concerns, and established collaborative working relationships.

2. Information on Valley demographics, government, and resources provided to over 500 residents across the Valley.
3. A broad public discussion of and prioritization of issues of importance to Valley residents. Research on these topics was provided to participants to further their understanding and decision making. The identification of high-priority issues provides an opportunity for future progress on these topics. OVWD web site and Ojai Valley News coverage brought this information to others around the Valley.
4. Outcomes Related to specific issues:
 - A) Emergency Preparedness:
 - Emergency AM Radio station in progress
 - Improved County emergency websites and radio coverage
 - Citizens Emergency Response Team training offered in Valley
 - Neighborhood emergency resources mapped.
 - B) Making Ojai a More Green and Sustainable Community:
 - Over 100 citizens referred to Ojai Valley Green Coalition
 - 150 "Low Carbon Diet" books distributed to valley households
 - County, City, and School District adoption of energy conservation and green building programs.
 - C) Recreation:
 - Formation of a Valley wide Recreation District explored, and a straw poll on funding measure conducted. Straw poll indicated participant support for tax measures for recreation facilities.

More than 160 residents of the Ojai Valley committed three Sunday afternoons to come together, broaden their contacts in the community, learn about one another and work together to identify win/win projects that would benefit the Ojai Valley. They volunteered a remarkable amount of time and energy. The input, ideas and thoughtful responses from these dedicated residents has provided inspiration and a focus on positive ways we can work together to make the Ojai Valley better. All of their efforts are much appreciated.

This report, including all of the data collected at the three discussions, is available to the public. It may be used by any person or group to plan their next steps in moving the Ojai Valley forward. Supervisor Bennett's office will monitor the efforts of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition and stay actively involved in discussions with the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department and the Red Cross to promote continued efforts on Disaster Preparation. Please feel free to contact Supervisor Bennett's office if you have questions. You may call 654-2703 or email Steve.Bennett@ventura.org



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*What links us together?
How can we improve our valley?*

From the desk of Steve Bennett

COUNTY SUPERVISOR FIRST DISTRICT

From Casitas Springs to Upper Ojai, the residents of the Ojai Valley are linked together in many ways. The brutal storm disasters of 2005 and our recent fires emphasize this fact.

As a result of many conversations with Ojai Valley residents, I have decided to hold a series of Ojai Valley-Wide Discussions.

There are two basic goals of the discussions. One goal is to have a group of interested residents develop a better understanding of the various distinct communities in the Ojai Valley and provide opportunities for those residents to improve their contacts with each other. The second goal is to have this group of connected residents identify positive, win-win projects that could be undertaken to improve the Ojai Valley.

We can easily find a number of projects and issues to disagree about. The question is, can we increase trust across various communities by identifying a list of positive projects and action steps that would enhance the Ojai Valley?

To that end, we are extending an invitation to all residents in the Ojai Valley to become members of this core group. Core group members are asked to bring a positive frame of mind and commit to attending three meetings over the course of the next year.

Our goal is to have as broad of representation of Ojai Valley residents as possible so we can work together to improve our valley. We encourage you to reach out to groups and individuals who represent the variety of perspectives in our valley and invite them join you in attending.

The first meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held Sunday April 15, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. and the third meeting will be held in the fall of 2007. The location will be at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 185 St. Thomas Dr., unless sign-ups dictate otherwise. The time between the meetings will be used to research information and communicate with non-participants.

To plan this event properly, we need interested participants to sign up in advance. If you are interested, please respond by October 27, 2006. Thank you for your consideration.

SUPERVISOR DEL CONDADO DE VENTURA, PRIMER DISTRITO

Desde Casitas Springs hasta Alto Ojai, los residentes del valle de Ojai están conectados de numerosas maneras. Los desastres de las brutales tormentas del año 2005 exaltan este suceso.

Los objetivos de las discusiones son: que los participantes desarrollen un mejor entendimiento de las varias comunidades y personas en el valle de Ojai, al igual que los participantes identifiquen maneras que podríamos mejorar el valle de Ojai.

Les invito a todos los residentes del valle a hacerse miembros de este grupo. Les pido que vengan con una actitud positiva a tres juntas durante el próximo año.

La primera reunión será el domingo, 12 de noviembre, 2006 de las 2 hasta las 4:30 de la tarde. La segunda será el domingo 15 de abril, 2007 desde las 2 hasta las 4:30 de la tarde. La tercera será en el otoño de 2007. Todas tendrán lugar en la iglesia Santo Tomás Aquinas, 185 Saint Thomas Dr.

Para planear bien para estos eventos, necesitamos que los participantes se inscriban de ante mano. Si a usted le interesa la idea, favor de responder antes del 27 de octubre de 2006.



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Ojai Valley-wide Discussions
will be held on:
November 12, 2006,
April 15, 2007
and fall of 2007 (date TBD)

- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate in the 3 Valley Wide Discussion Sessions.
- ☐ Si, Me gustaría participar en las 3 sesiones de reuniones del valle.
Me gustaná traducción en español durante la reunión.
- ☐ I will be unable to attend, however I would like to remain on the mailing list.
No podré atender, pero me gustaría mantener mi nombre en la lista de envío.

Please Note: If you don't reply, we will respectfully remove your name from our mailing list.
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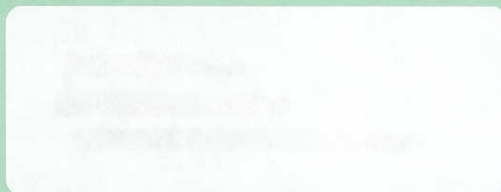


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Ojai Valley-Wide Discussion

- ① **NEW MEETING LOCATION N.H.S. GYM**
- ② **SURVEY INFO NEEDED BY NOV. 3**



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From the Desk of...

Steve Bennett COUNTY SUPERVISOR FIRST DISTRICT

Thank you for your reservation to attend the series of Ojai Valley-wide Discussions.

Due to the large number of reservations, we have changed the location of the first Ojai Valley-wide Discussion on November 12th from St. Thomas Aquinas Church to the Nordhoff High School Gymnasium, 1401 Maricopa Hwy.

Please Note:

- New Meeting Location: Nordhoff High School, 1401 Maricopa Hwy
- Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m. Meeting time promptly 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- Wear comfortable clothes and shoes to move around in
- Please fill-out and return survey on reverse side

For a variety of reasons, it is valuable to know more about you before the discussion meetings. On that note, it would help us if you would please fill out the survey on the reverse side or online at: www.countyofventura.org/ovwd

If you need assistance with transportation to the meeting, please contact my office at (805) 654-2703.

We are looking forward to hundreds of positive individuals in the Ojai Valley coming together.
See you at the meeting!

Please mail back this postage-paid response card or respond on line at: <http://www.countyofventura.org/ovwd>

Although this survey is optional, the information collected will significantly improve our series of meetings. We hope you will take the time to complete and return this.

Name _____

Occupation or Former Occupation: _____

Age _____ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Current household size: Adults: _____ Children: _____

The goal of our discussion sessions is to identify issues with improvement plans for the Ojai Valley that will have broad community support and build trust among us while we improve the valley. At this early stage what one issue do you see as having the most potential to accomplish this ambitious goal? _____

Which community of the Ojai Valley do you consider yourself a resident of? (Please check one)

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|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casitas Springs | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak View | <input type="checkbox"/> Mira Monte | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Casitas Area | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meiners Oaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ojai City | <input type="checkbox"/> East End | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Ojai | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

☐ I will need assistance with personal mobility in the meeting room.

— PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006 —

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Ojai Valley-Wide Discussion
Agenda
Sunday November 12, 2006

- I. Welcome and introduction
- II. Goals of the meeting overall
- III. The peoples and communities of the Ojai Valley
- IV. Introduction of click pad technology and voting technique
- V. What links us together in the Ojai Valley?
- VI. Creation of 2 lists of issues at each table for submission
- Break
- VII. Group as a whole reviews the 2 lists created and ranks the list
- VIII. Brainstorm information that would be helpful to have about the top-ranked issues
- IX. Explanation of next steps between now and spring
- X. End of meeting - Wrap up items
Return evaluation forms, contact info forms, folders and name tags

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Individual Response Form

Name: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

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What information about the people or communities of the Ojai Valley would make the previous power point report more accurate or complete?

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My issues to place on the two lists:

List #1 Solutions more doable, quicker to achieve broad support:

1. _____
2. _____

List #2 Solutions more challenging to achieve broad support:

1. _____
2. _____

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A directory of attendees will be published. What information would you like to have included?

I give my permission for you to publish the following information about me in a contact list of people attending these meetings:

☐ Name

☐ Phone

☐ Email

☐ Address

Signature for release _____ Date _____

.....
If our office does not have your email address, would you consider listing it here for us to use for contacting you with meeting information and updates? *Providing your email address below does not mean we will include it in the published directory.

*Email: _____

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Affordable Housing

Easy (5)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Buy a mobile home park for increased affordable housing	6	Affordable Housing
Easy	Valley-wide affordable housing plan	33	Affordable Housing
Easy	Develop affordable housing for young families	36	Affordable Housing
Easy	Affordable Housing Program	40	Affordable Housing
Easy	Affordable/ Workforce Housing	43	Affordable Housing

Hard (19)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Housing solutions for low and moderate income all types	1	Affordable Housing
Hard	Increase low-income housing	2	Affordable Housing
Hard	Reform uniform building code to allow alternative housing	4	Affordable Housing
Hard	Low and affordable housing	5	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable Housing	6	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable housing (rental, buying) and the issue of McMansion syndrome	7	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable Housing	9	Affordable Housing
Hard	More affordable housing-- do not remove low cost housing with condos	12	Affordable Housing
Hard	Housing-- affordable, uniform building codes, preservation of lower income sites	14	Affordable Housing
Hard	Land use/ affordable housing/ preserve agriculture	15	Affordable Housing
Hard	Help families stay in Valley-- affordable housing with adjusting stock	18	Affordable Housing
Hard	Low-income/affordable housing	31	Affordable Housing
Hard	Decrease cost of housing; encourage diversity	35	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable housing for low income families that are well established in these communities	37	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable Housing	38	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable housing option to promote a more socioeconomically diverse population	39	Affordable Housing
Hard	Affordable housing for younger families	40	Affordable Housing
Hard	More affordable housing/ workforce housing	41	Affordable Housing
Hard	Low Cost Housing	42	Affordable Housing

Emergency Preparedness

Easy (17)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Set up a Valley-wide disaster plan/organization	1	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Create emergency broadcast system on traveler's info channel	3	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide disaster plan	5	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide Disaster plan	6	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Improve the Valley's disaster preparedness	8	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide disaster preparedness program (Red cross, cert, etc.)	9	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Clearer more adequate communication during emergencies	11	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide disaster plan-- CERT	12	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	14	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Form Disaster communication task force	15	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide emergency preparedness	27	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Unified Disaster Prep Plan	28	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Disaster preparedness	30	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide disaster plan	32	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Disaster preparedness and response	34	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Comprehensive Disaster plan	41	Emergency Preparedness
Easy	Valley-wide Emergency plan for disaster	43	Emergency Preparedness

Hard (6)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Effectively Improve disaster preparedness	8	Emergency Preparedness
Hard	Valley-wide disaster preparedness plan-communication, manuals, fire/flood, etc.	10	Emergency Preparedness
Hard	Create Evacuation plan for the Ojai Valley	29	Emergency Preparedness
Hard	Countywide Disaster plan	33	Emergency Preparedness
Hard	Disaster preparedness and response	34	Emergency Preparedness
Hard	Disaster preparedness	45	Emergency Preparedness

Traffic

Easy (5)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Traffic improvements	28	Traffic
Easy	Traffic issues such as noise, public transportation, road & safety conditions	31	Traffic
Easy	Traffic control on 33	32	Traffic
Easy	Traffic in and out of valley	34	Traffic
Easy	More traffic studies in-depth	40	Traffic

Hard (15)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Reduce traffic and pollution on Hwy 33	2	Traffic
Hard	Traffic and Transportation	3	Traffic
Hard	Transportation, traffic management, relates to air quality	7	Traffic
Hard	Reduce traffic congestion effectively	8	Traffic
Hard	Traffic issues	9	Traffic
Hard	Traffic	14	Traffic
Hard	Transportation, traffic, better public transportation	15	Traffic
Hard	Traffic calming, roundabouts, bikes, buses	18	Traffic
Hard	Improve traffic flow	28	Traffic
Hard	Traffic solutions	33	Traffic
Hard	Traffic in and out of valley	34	Traffic
Hard	Reduce single auto trips by 20%	36	Traffic
Hard	Improve traffic and circulation	36	Traffic
Hard	Reduction of traffic congestion	39	Traffic
Hard	traffic flow and evacuation	40	Traffic

Environment/Global Warming/ Sustainability

Easy (7)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Create regional solar project--fuel cell	4	Global Warming/Sustainability
Easy	More green buildings	5	Global Warming/Sustainability
Easy	Develop Environmental Plan to make Ojai a model green community	10	Global Warming/Sustainability
Easy	Instill green standards in buildings	18	Global Warming/Sustainability
Easy	Ojai implement more environmental and sustainable policies	31	Global Warming/Sustainability
Easy	Sustainability of the environment	33	Global Warming/Sustainability
Easy	Sustainability/ Green Buildings	42	Global Warming/Sustainability

Hard (11)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Make Ojai Valley a demonstration site for energy creation and independence	8	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Legislation encouraging green and sustainable business	15	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Ojai Valley wide sustainable practices policy--energy, housing, ag, water, air, etc	28	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Protect the environment (traffic, air, open space)	30	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Long-term jobs/ housing balance planning-- how much population we can environmentally sustain?	31	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Establish a long-range master plan considering sustainable growth, green buildings & solar power	32	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Reduce environmental impacts	38	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Move to more sustainable resource use; reduce or eliminate pollution	39	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Develop sustainable food system	41	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Community wide environmental awareness	42	Global Warming/ Sustainability
Hard	Reduce Air Pollution	42	Global Warming/ Sustainability

Youth Center/ After School Activities

Easy (12)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	More youth programs to include diversity	5	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Better programming for youth	11	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Community Center/ After school student activities/ pool/ gym	15	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Opportunities for the youth	17	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	More youth activity options	29	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Money for teen centers	30	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Youth as a community priority	31	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Youth Center/ Youth facilities	34	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Increase availability of youth programs	39	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	More youth activities	41	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Recreation for teens	42	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Easy	Increase services for youth to include library, school programs & after school activities	43	Youth Center/ After School Activities

Hard (5)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Get kids involved in the community--arts, dance, drama, teen center	17	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Hard	Youth Center	34	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Hard	Develop recreational facilities for teenagers	37	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Hard	More teen centers such as Meiners Oaks, Mira Monte or Honor Farm	44	Youth Center/ After School Activities
Hard	Long term funding for youth programs	45	Youth Center/ After School Activities

More/ Better Transit

Easy (11)

Hard (3)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Increased public transit out of town	2	More, Better Transit
Easy	Extend hours of public transportation	6	More, Better Transit
Easy	Plan and develop and educate around public transit	7	More, Better Transit
Easy	Expand Ojai Valley Transit System	10	More, Better Transit
Easy	Extend coverage of Ojai Trolley Valley-wide	29	More, Better Transit
Easy	Public transportation in and out of Ojai Valley	29	More, Better Transit
Easy	Upgrade public transportation	33	More, Better Transit
Easy	Improve public transportation-- trolley to oakview	37	More, Better Transit
Easy	Better public transportation	41	More, Better Transit
Easy	Ojai Trolley to entire valley	44	More, Better Transit
Easy	Extend current transportation	45	More, Better Transit

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Public transportation	6	More, Better Transit
Hard	Transportation-- roads, buses, public transportation	31	More, Better Transit
Hard	Increase Intervalley transportation	35	More, Better Transit

Gangs/Crime

Easy (4)

Hard (5)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Graffiti program-- Valley-wide coordination	12	Gangs/Crime
Easy	Gang Control and ID	17	Gangs/Crime
Easy	Reduce Crime by creating valley-wide community meetings and conflict mediation	28	Gangs/Crime
Easy	Cleaning up of property including gang insignia and tagging	44	Gangs/Crime

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	More effective drug abuse programs	9	Gangs/Crime
Hard	Gang Issues	10	Gangs/Crime
Hard	Valley-wide anti-gang, anti-delinquent program	27	Gangs/Crime
Hard	Community based neighborhood watch program to address: crime, child molesters, graffiti	28	Gangs/Crime
Hard	More support for police	45	Gangs/Crime

Preserving Open Space

Easy (2)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Ojai Land Conservancy should receive more land to protect	3	Preserving open spaces
Easy	Preserve remaining open space	8	Preserving open spaces

Hard (5)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Preserve and protect natural resource base and open space in the urban core	2	Preserving open space
Hard	Preserve more open space	27	Preserving open space
Hard	Broaden S.O.A.R.*	30	Preserving open space
Hard	The preservation of farmland and open space	37	Preserving Open Space
Hard	Continue to preserve and acquire open space	43	Preserving open space

Valley-wide Communication

Easy (5)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Form Regional Coalition for ongoing problems	4	Valley-wide Communication
Easy	Town Meetings	11	Valley-wide Communication
Easy	Improve Communication	15	Valley-wide Communication
Easy	Govt coordination	32	Valley-wide Communication
Easy	Encourage gov't interaction (local and county)	35	Valley-wide Communication

Hard (1)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Valley-wide voice in decision making	14	Valley-wide Communication

Recreation Service Valley-wide

Easy (5)

Hard (0)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Create a valley-wide recreation district available to low income, special needs/ everyone	1	Rec services Valley-wide
Easy	Increase Park and Rec. Opportunities w/ a focus on youth and teens	7	Rec Services Valley-wide
Easy	More valley-wide youth activities, recreation and facilities	9	Rec Services Valley-wide
Easy	Valley-wide Recreation District	27	Rec Services Valley-wide
Easy	Improve existing fields for outdoor activities and expand #of fields available	39	Rec Services Valley-wide

Valley-wide School District

Easy (2)

Hard (2)

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Easy	Increased Connection between public and private schools	38	Valley-wide School District
Easy	Unified School District	40	Valley-wide School District

Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
Hard	Consensus of valley-wide school district	29	Valley-wide School District
Hard	Expand city limits to include more unincorporated and 1 valley-wide school district	41	Valley-wide School District

Hospital Emergency Room

Easy (3)

Hard (0)

ID Number	Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
1	Easy	Preservation of community hospital	27	Hospital/E.R.
2	Easy	Expand Hospital Services (E.R., Pre-Natal)	10	Hospital/E.R.
3	Easy	Quality of Emergency Medicine	14	Hospital/E.R.

Local Ag Support

Easy (3)

Hard (0)

ID Number	Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
60	Easy	Support Agriculture	38	Local Ag Support
61	Easy	Support local farmers	42	Local Ag Support
62	Easy	Support local farmers, buy local, education about benefits of supporting local farmers	7	Local Ag Support

Valley-wide Development Plan

Easy (3)

Hard (0)

ID Number	Easy or Hard	Issue	Table	Category
72	Easy	Regional land use planning	1	Valley-wide Community Plan for Development
73	Easy	Fund and Complete Ojai Area Plan Programs	4	Valley-wide Community Plan for Development
74	Easy	A valley-wide community plan for development	39	Valley-wide Community Plan for Development

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Disaster Plan/Preparedness, CERT & Hospital

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- C) Improve communication during emergencies**
- D) Improve the hospital and emergency room**
- E) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster plans**

Background

While many people are not aware of it, the City and the County both have Emergency Response Plans. They are called (SEMS) Standardized Emergency Management Systems. SEMS has been adopted by the County of Ventura for managing the response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies. Local governments in California are required to use SEMS when their emergency operations center is activated or a local emergency is proclaimed.

The City and County SEMS plans address a wide variety of disasters and threats. The City handles all issues in the city and the County in the unincorporated area.

The Sheriff is the Director of Disaster Services for the county. The Office of Emergency Services is under the Sheriff's jurisdiction. OES coordinates the creation of the Emergency Plans and they are adopted by the City and the County. The Sheriff is the overall coordinator during disasters and operates out of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Government Center while the city EOC operates at city hall and the police station.

The Inter-Agency Coordinating Group (IACG) is an arrangement whereby the 10 cities within the county have an organizational structure and planning partnership for exchanging disaster intelligence, identifying potential resources, facilitating mutual aid, and coordinating cooperative training activities and reciprocal lines of communication.

The public middle and high school are generally the evacuation centers for the Ojai Valley. However, planning experts emphasize "to wait for direction." Depending on the nature of the disaster, shelters must first be designated as safe for providing shelter. Additionally, if your home doesn't have gas, water, electricity or sewer service, there is a good chance that the shelters don't either. 400 families of 4 in a high school gym with no toilets will not be a good situation, so it is important to wait for direction and facility readiness.

The routes into/out of the valley are vulnerable to damage from earthquake, flooding and landslide.

Evacuation routes are not provided in advance of an event as they depend on the circumstances of the emergency. In the highly unlikely event of a valley-wide evacuation, evacuation routes will have to be balanced with the needs and necessity to get emergency responders in to the valley. Evacuation planning would involve the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, CHP, CalTrans, County Public Works and possibly the County Parks Department.

A) Improve our individual ability to use the disaster plan and be prepared for disaster

The damage caused by natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods as well as man made events such as terrorism can:

- Severely restrict or overwhelm our response resources, communications, transportation, and utilities;
- Leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support.

It takes time for emergency response agencies to set up and prepare for an organized response. Damaged roads and disrupted communication systems may restrict their access into critically affected areas. Thus, for the initial period immediately following a disaster, individuals, households and neighborhoods may need to rely on their own resources for food, water, first aid and shelter for a week to 10 days.

The American Red Cross website www.redcross.org offers good advice on exactly what your individual disaster preparedness supply kit should include.

Individual preparedness, planning, survival skills and mutual aid within neighborhoods and worksites during this initial period are essential measures in coping with the aftermath of a disaster.

B) Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Accordingly, LAFD decided that some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills for a team of citizens in each neighborhood would improve the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance could arrive. The program proved to be so beneficial that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) felt that the concept and the program should be made available to communities nationwide.

The Ojai Valley recently graduated its first CERT class. More than 30 people attended the training that began this past January, including residents of the unincorporated areas, the city of Ojai and five HAM radio operators. Training is provided by the Ventura County Fire Department. Supervisor Bennett's office hopes to schedule two more classes by the end of 2007.

More than 300 residents in Santa Paula have received CERT training.

C) Improve communication during emergencies

City and County staff as well as representatives of emergency service providers have been meeting regularly to discuss emergency issues in the Ojai Valley and improve communications regarding and during a disaster. Following those discussions, Sheriff Captain Bruce Norris has headed up the effort to install an emergency radio system to serve residents of the Ojai Valley.

Captain Norris has met with and received permission to install an antenna and equipment on the Ventura River Water District water tank. The emergency signal will reach Oak View, Meiners Oaks, Mira Monte, and Ojai to Thacher. Confirmation is needed as to whether the signal would reach Casitas Springs and Upper Ojai or would require an additional antenna.

Arrangements need to be made for an entity to take responsibility for the monthly phone service charges.

The cost for one system is approximately \$49,000 with wireless link. Captain Norris has applied to the Office of Emergency Services for a Homeland Security grant and should know by September whether his request was funded.

D) Improve the hospital and emergency room

Ojai Valley Community Hospital has merged with Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura. The hospital service area includes approximately 28,000 local residents as well as a number of tourists, travelers, individuals using the local trails and national forest for recreational purposes and motorists.

The hospital is planning a new and expanded emergency department that will almost triple the floor space and double the number of beds. Plans are underway and construction is to begin early next year.

According to the California Attorney General report on the hospital merger dated March 1, 2005:

“... the Hospital can probably accommodate some additional visits without significant additional operational difficulty. Unless physicians leave the Ojai area, which may cause their patients to seek care at the emergency department as an alternative, the number of beds are sufficient to handle some increase in volume due to population growth.

The two Ventura area hospitals report visits per bed per year slightly over the ACEP benchmark, indicating that there are probably times of full occupancy and long patient waits at area emergency departments.

If the OVCH emergency department was closed, other hospitals could have trouble accommodating the resulting additional volume. Based upon the results of our analysis, we conclude that the OVCH emergency department is needed for patient access to health care not only for Ojai residents but also to avoid further adversely affecting Ventura hospital emergency departments.”

The Attorney General approved the merger with the certain conditions, those relating to the emergency room include:

- For at least three years from the transaction closing date, CMH shall maintain emergency medical services at OVCH at current levels of service and as currently licensed.
- For at least five years from the transaction closing date, CMH shall continue to provide 24-hour emergency services in Ojai, even if other hospital services are curtailed.

E) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster plans.

Elected leaders, county and city staff and organizations have published articles in the local newspapers and held meetings to communicate the existing emergency resources and plans as well as the need for individual responsibility. As indicated by the responses in our first meeting, the existence of these plans is still not well known. Occasionally there is public notification regarding disaster drills and planning exercises, particularly if the drill will be seen by the public or include public participation. Opportunities exist to communicate plans, procedures and training exercises to the public to increase awareness of government’s ongoing efforts toward disaster preparedness.

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals for this topic.

	Set up a valley-wide disaster plan/organization--Table 1 Valley-wide disaster plan---Table 5 Valley-wide disaster plan---Table 6 Valley-wide disaster plan-CERT---Table 12 Unified disaster prep plan---Table 28 Valley-wide disaster plan---Table 32 Comprehensive disaster plan---Table 41 Valley-wide emergency plan for disaster ---Table 43		
Easy	Disaster plan- follow Santa Paula's Lead	Alice	Gardner
Easy	Disaster Action Plan	Jon	Parisen
Easy	Disaster Plan	Paul	McConnaughey
Easy	Valley-wide disaster plan	Dale	Hanson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster planning	Lisa	Meeker
Easy	Disaster plan for whole valley	Richard	Jones
	<i>Evacuation</i>		
Easy	Exits out of the community during a disaster	Karen	Harrison
Easy	Evacuation plan for the valley (fire, water, etc.	Rick	Dowden
Easy	Disaster/Preparedness evacuation plan	Nancy	Roelle

Easy	Access in/out valley (disaster preparedness)	RoseAnn	Hill
Easy	Valley-wide evacuation plan	Wally	McCall
	Improve the valley's disaster preparedness---Table 8 Valley-wide disaster preparedness program (Red cross, CERT, etc.)---Table 9 Disaster preparedness plan---Table 14 Valley-wide emergency preparedness---Table 27 Disaster preparedness---Table 30 Disaster preparedness and response---Table 34		
Easy	Disaster Preparedness	Gayle D.	Bertsch
Easy	Disaster prep.	Adele	Schmalenberger
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Bob	Daddi
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Brian	Donovan
Easy	Disaster Preparedness	Gilbert	Zamora
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Martin	Pops
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Maria	Parisen
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Marvin	Hanson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster prep	James	Jackson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster preparedness plan	Susan	Jackson
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Barbara	Mc Dougle
Easy	Disaster preparation to involve each community. Bilingual packets to all homes	Caroline	Jones
	Create emergency broadcast system on traveler's info channel---Table 3 Clearer more adequate communication during emergencies---Table 11 Form disaster communication task force---Table 15		
	<i>Communication System</i>		
Easy	Communication system for valley-wide emergencies	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Easy	Emergency Disaster Planning-single communication source	A. Michael	Weaver
Easy	Emergency preparedness and public information system	Susan	Weaver
Easy	Disaster preparation, access to local radio communication	Joyce M.	McWilliams
	<i>Task Force/Organization</i>		
Easy	Form disaster communication taskforce	Tyler	Suchman
Easy	Functioning valley-wide disaster preparedness task force	Lyn	Thomas
Easy	Link together agencies, volunteers, non-profits to develop a comprehensive disaster response plan	Debbie	McConnell
Easy	Set a valley-wide Disaster organization	Leanna	Kennedy
Easy	Clearer lines of communication when emergencies occur or potential emergencies	Carol	Garramone
	<i>Food/Resource Supply</i>		
Easy	Food supply assessment of valley for emergency preparedness	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre

Easy	Emergency preparedness plan--food/energy/water security	Karen	Schmidt
	<i>CERT</i>		
Easy	Cert training valley-wide within the valley	Kenneth	Williams
Easy	Coordinate and publish emergency response teams efforts	Christine	Golden
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	A notebook for victims of calamities with flood	Randi	McAfee
Easy	Funding for loss of homes and personal items	Randi	McAfee
Easy	Prevent flooding	Jack	Smith
	Expand hospital services (E.R., Pre-Natal)---Table 10 Quality of emergency medicine---Table 14 Preservation of community hospital---Table 27		
Easy	Emergency room enlargement	Les	Gardner
Easy	Modernize or build a new hospital	Barbara	Pops
Easy	Better access to specialty medical care-- eg recruit a surgeon	Martin	Pops
Easy	Quality of emergency medicine/technology	Andrew	Whitman

2:20 – 2:40

Affordable Housing

We won't be ranking subtopics on this issue.

The action item is to answer the following questions:

1. **What are all the factors that make the issue of affordable housing a hard issue for Ojai Valley residents to reach consensus on?**
2. **What are the key steps or conceptual approaches that could make affordable housing work and be an easier issue to reach consensus on?**

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals on this topic.

	Building moratorium w/exception of senior housing and low-income housing Table 2 Buy a mobile home park for increased affordable housing Table 6 Valley-wide affordable housing plan Table 33 Develop affordable housing for young families Table 36 Affordable Housing Program Table 40 Affordable/Workforce Housing Table 43		
	<i>Affordable Housing</i>		
Easy	Affordable housing availability	Aimee L	Eccles
Easy	Program for providing "affordable housing"	Harold	Glenn
Easy	Provide more affordable housing	Marcia	Hester

Easy	Housing--affordable young marrieds with children	Ray	Johnson
Easy	Save lower and medium income housing	Sarra	Jubinville
Easy	Lack of affordable housing	Mark	Lee
Easy	Insensitive for people who work here concerning housing	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Affordable housing for young households	Natalia	Moore
Easy	Affordable housing	Jessica	Murray
Easy	Have a valley-wide affordable housing plan	Steve	Olsen
Easy	Affordable housing for young families	Dawn	Rosalind
Easy	Generate affordable housing	Philip S.	Sherman
Easy	Affordable Housing for people working in the valley	Dian	Spence
Easy	Affordable housing in a more cohesive way	Kale	Starbird
Easy	Low cost housing services	Donna	Turner
	<i>Development Control/Growth</i>		
Easy	Building moratorium on new residential construction	Robert	Auric
Easy	Growth/ new homes, apt condos etc	Roberta	Battaglia
Easy	Limit housing	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Continue to limit development	Cynthia	Temple

2:50 – 3:10

Recreation Services Valleywide

Subtopics/Action Steps (4)- To Be Prioritized

- A) Create a valley-wide recreation district**
- B) Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available**
- C) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth**
- D) Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions after the group ranks them.**

Background: There are 13 public parks in the Ojai Valley:

City: Sarazotti, Libby, Daly, Cluff Vista, skate park, Rotary Community

County: Dennison, Soule, Soule Golf Course, Camp Comfort, Oak View Community Center/Oak Dell, Oak View Park & Resource Center, Casitas Springs Community Center.

Sports fields and/or tennis courts are found at 7 public schools in addition to the parks. Private schools and churches also have sports fields and tennis courts.

Open Space and trails are available in the Los Padres National Forest, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy preserves, Ojai Valley Trail, Shelf Road, and Sulphur Mountain Road.

Lake Casitas Recreation Area offers boating, fishing, water play, picnicking, camping, nature programs, and trails, and the Bureau of Reclamation is planning a trail and recreation expansion.

Public swimming and water play are available during the summer at Nordhoff High School and the Lake Casitas Water Park. A new pool for competitive swimming for youth and adults, and a year-round public pool have been sought by residents; however a source of funding has not been identified.

A) Create a Valley-wide Recreation District

A Valley Wide recreation district would allow: coordinated management of facilities, and the ability to allow the voters valley wide to approve a tax for parks and recreation. A tax for park acquisition, construction, and maintenance could be adopted with majority voter approval, while including supervision and services would require 2/3 voter approval. A Valley Wide recreation district would require the creation of a Joint Powers Authority between at least the City and the County, and possibly the School District. A governing body would need to be created- either an elected, valley wide recreation district board or members of existing boards.

B) Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available

Improving the fields currently in existence at schools and parks to bring them to AYSO, Girl's Softball, or other league specifications has been sought by sports leagues. Constructing new sports fields for youth and adult soccer, softball, and football, and increasing the number of sports fields with night lighting has also been sought. Issues of funding, maintenance and liability all complicate these efforts.

C) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth

Besides school extracurricular activities, youth recreation programs are currently provided by: the City of Ojai, Ojai Youth Foundation, Boys & Girls Club (Oak View), after-school care providers, churches, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H, sports leagues, pageants, music & theatre, private clubs, and private lessons/programs/studios.

Despite the seeming abundance of organizations, many youth report a shortage of after-school facilities and programs that are readily accessible and affordable. Meeting the needs of youth who, for whatever reason, are not involved in organized activities, and in providing services to underserved areas and income-challenged families seems to be a particular challenge.

D) Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions generated at the first OVWD meeting

- Improve soccer fields
- Replace bleachers at Libby Park
- Supervision at Skate Park
- Improve Meiners Oaks School ball field to Girl's Softball specifications
- Soccer field in Oak View
- Roller blading rink
- Bowling Alley
- Public Pool
- Public Gym

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals for this topic.

	Create a valley-wide recreation district available to low income, special needs, everyone---Tables 1 Valley-wide recreation district---Table 27		
	<i>Valley-wide recreation district.</i>		
Easy	Form valley-wide recreation and Park District	Austin	Cline
Easy	Create a valley-wide recreation district/program	Pat	Essick
Easy	Cooperation between county and city -- parks issues	Claudia	Harris
Easy	Valley-wide rec. district	James	Jackson
Easy	Valley-wide Parks District	Sage	Intner
Easy	Coordination of city, county and schools in recreation and obtaining funds for increasing and improving facilities	Barbara	Mc Dougle
Easy	Valley-wide park and rec district	Karen	Schmidt

Easy	Plan between city/ parks/ schools expand recreation fields for valley use.	Jack	Smith
Easy	Valley-wide park and recreation district	Heidi	Whitman
Easy	More recreation valley-wide	Kenneth	Williams
	Improve existing fields and expand # of fields available---Table 39		
	Improve fields/facilities		
Easy	Convert Meiners Oaks school ball fields to girl league specifications	Dan	McLaughlin
Easy	Improve soccer fields	Leslie	Gutierrez
Easy	Replace bleachers at Libbey Park	Gerry	Roe
Easy	Soccer Field in Oak View	Adrian	Mendez
Easy	More soccer fields	Alyssa	Miller
	Increase park and recreation opportunities with a focus on youth and teens---Table 7 Create small projects that make Ojai a statewide leader – educational and recreational opportunities for youth---Table 3 More valley-wide youth activities, recreation and facilities---Table 9 Community Center/After school student activities/pool/gym---Table 15 Recreation for teens---Table 42		
	<i>Expand recreational opportunities for youth and others</i>		
Easy	Recreation	Angela	Stevens
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities (parks, trails, hiking, equestrian)	Carl	Thelander
Easy	Additional youth and community sports facilities	Lyn	Thomas
Easy	Create more recreational space in the valley	Tim	Baird
Easy	Recreational programs made available to children from low-income families	Fred	Bysshe
Easy	recreation facilities for low income families	Brian	Donovan
Easy	Free or Low cost recreational opportunities-- events are too expensive and scholarships are only open to City of Ojai residents	Joyce L.	Heath
Easy	Create and/or convert county parks into valley parks	Holly	Roberts
Easy	Use the old low sec. Prison grounds for Ojai Valley recreation for all ages; i.e., pools and gyms	Kate	Russell
Easy	More recreation services and facilities for youth	Shelia	Ghen
Easy	Recreation for teens	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Opportunities for youth, parks, rec activities	Alex	Laine
Easy	More affordable recreation and after school activities for youth	Wally	McCall
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities for teens	Susan	Westbrook
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Something for youth to do in Ojai—i.e. a roller-blading rink, bowling alley	Joslyn	Wood
	<i>Lake</i>		
Easy	Open up the lake (body contact) for increased revenue	Wayne	Pendrey
	<i>Public Pool</i>		
Easy	public pool/ gym	Sheldon	Khougaz
Easy	Swimming Pool	Brett	Buyan

Easy	Public aquatic center	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Public swimming pool year around open to everyone	Carol	Smith
	<i>Skate Park Supervision</i>		
Easy	Supervision at skate park	Carol	Castanon

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Transportation and Mass Transit

Subtopics/Action Items (4)- To Be Prioritized

A) Improve public transit in and out of the valley

B) Decrease car use within the valley by expanding the trolley/public transit and use of other transportation alternatives

C) Improve road maintenance

D) Improve efficiency of traffic flow

Background: The 30,000 residents of the Ojai Valley are spread out in low density development over a very large area. Topography, rivers, and existing development make a grid road system infeasible, and using State Highways 33 & 150 is necessary for traversing or leaving the valley. Transportation experts claim residential densities through most of the Valley are too low to support urban-level transit services. Car ownership is high. The valley has traditionally been a “bedroom community” for the employment centers of Ventura and neighboring counties and a substantial jobs-housing imbalance exists in the Valley. The growing tourism economy in the City of Ojai and Lake Casitas generate substantial weekend traffic. The vast majority of traffic in the Valley is locally generated trips rather than through-traffic.

Total traffic volumes on Highway 33 have changed little over the last 15 years. There is somewhat greater weekend traffic but slightly less weekday rush hour traffic. Nevertheless Highway 33 operates at Level F during rush hour.

Experts suggest reducing commuter traffic is typically the easiest traffic reduction to achieve, as the most people travel similar routes at the same time. Carpooling, transit, bicycling, compressed work weeks, and working from home are currently available alternatives that can be increased through individual action.

- School trip reduction through carpooling and busing is another easy reduction to achieve.
- Reducing local shopping and leisure trips is more difficult because destinations and travel times are widely dispersed, passengers and cargo is carried, etc. Moderate reductions can be achieved by public education, improvement of bike and pedestrian facilities, and increased Ojai Trolley frequency and expanded service area.
- Reducing tourist traffic is the most difficult. Improved Trolley service to the Ojai Valley Inn has been suggested in studies

A) Improve public transit in and out of the valley

SCAT provides the regional transit service; the City of Ojai and County are members of the SCAT joint powers authority and pay for SCAT service on a per-mile basis using federal funds. SCAT service must achieve a 20% farebox recovery rate to qualify for these federal funds. SCAT is planning to implement an express bus service to the County Government Center later this year and is working with the Ojai Trolley to streamline SCAT service in the Valley, as well as improve service regionally. SCAT Access provides ADA transit service out of the Valley. Coastal Express bus service to Santa Barbara leaves from downtown Ventura. Transit passes, transit trip planning, and a “guaranteed ride home” program are available on-line at www.goventura.org. Additional bus stop shelters are planned.

B) Decrease car use by expanding the trolley/public transit and use of other transportation alternatives within the valley.

Trolley information

The Trolley is owned and operated by the City of Ojai. The County and City share the cost using federal funds. A 10% farebox recovery rate is necessary. The lack of transit yard space constrains the City from adding additional trolleys into service. The City received a grant to initiate development of a new transit yard/service center; one site under consideration is the Honor Farm. An Ojai Valley Transit Needs Assessment was prepared in 2004 and included recommendations for service improvements. Professionals recommend that the surest way to increase ridership is to increase the frequency of service on already-successful route segments, while efficiency and frequency are increased by eliminating little-used route segments. The City is currently considering various service modifications.

Other transportation alternatives (not including the trolley)

- **Carpooling:** Instant Transit. A free on-line ride matching service is currently available at www.commutesmart.info. If drivers were to ride with just one other person, half the cars would disappear from the highway. A free "Guaranteed Ride Home" program is offered at www.goventura.org for when people miss their bus or carpool.
- **Bicycle trails/lanes:** the County and City are planning some bicycle lane improvements, however funding is always in short supply. Adding bike lanes to existing roads can be surprisingly complicated and expensive.
- **Sidewalks:** the County and City are planning various sidewalk improvements, however funding is always in short supply and often fitting sidewalks into existing developed areas is problematic (lack of right-of-way, encroachments, power poles, trees, parking, driveways, ADA compliance, etc).
- **Telecommuting and compressed work weeks:** these strategies can reduce or eliminate work trips.

C) Improve road maintenance

Caltrans, the County, and the City expend all the funds received for this purpose on this purpose. Increasing maintenance will require a new source of funding. Federal funds not spent on transit can be spent on road maintenance. The City and County repave roads as funds become available. Many streets in Meiners Oaks and Mira Monte were recently repaved.

D) Improve efficiency of traffic flow

Total traffic volumes on Highway 33 have changed little over the last 15 years. There is somewhat greater weekend traffic but slightly less weekday rush hour traffic.

Several studies have been performed in recent years regarding improving traffic flow on Highways 33 & 150:

- Caltrans' Casitas Springs Bypass/Widening Feasibility Study (2002)
- County-City Ojai Valley Traffic Circulation Study (Austin-Foust, 2002)
- County Casitas Springs Hwy 33 Short-Term Improvement Study (ATE, 2002 recommended new turn lanes, improved crosswalk, and shoulder widening)

While some of these studies' recommendations have been pursued, most have not been implemented for lack of funding and community consensus.

The Highway 33 Improvement Committee has worked with Caltrans to improve safety and traffic flow through implementation of small-scale projects such as lane striping, intersection management, turn pockets, no parking zones, new signs, and drainage and visibility improvements.

In response to a request from the Highway 33 Improvement Committee, the California Highway Patrol applied for and received a two-year grant to implement a Safety Corridor Program. Enforcement and public education were increased during this period; funding has since lapsed.

The “Courtesy on 33” Committee promotes safe, slow, and courteous driving on Highway 33 but has lost community support.

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals on this topic.

	Traffic improvements---Table 28 Traffic control on 33---Table 32 Traffic in and out of valley---Table 34 More traffic studies in-depth---Table 40		
	<i>Traffic</i>		
Easy	Traffic control	Gayel	Childress
Easy	In depth study to culminate effects of traffic	Joseph	Clark
Easy	Traffic mitigation	David	Des Laurier
Easy	Improve traffic flow during peak times	Don	Diaz
Easy	Create better traffic flow within the valley	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Commuter travel	Ruth	Heater
Easy	High school traffic jam and student courtesy	Ruth	Heater
Easy	Traffic and noise mitigation	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Traffic	RoseAnn	Hill
Easy	Traffic congestion relief	Ray	King
Easy	traffic management	Mark	Lee
Easy	Reduce traffic	Dennis	Leary
Easy	Incentives to reduce traffic in the valley	Marleen	Luckman
Easy	Traffic flow	Todd	McGinley
Easy	Better traffic control	Peggy	Russell
Easy	Traffic-- improved access to valley	Philip S.	Sherman
Easy	Traffic flow (at school)	Hali	Stetta
	Increased public transit out of town---Table 2 Extend hours of public transportation---Table 6 Plan and develop and educate around public transit---Table 7 Public transportation in and out of Ojai Valley---Table 29 Upgrade public transportation---Table 33 Extend current transportation---Table 45 Expand Ojai Transit System---Table 10 Improve public transportation – trolley to Oak View---Table 37 Better public transportation---Table 41 Extend coverage of Ojai Trolley valley-wide---Table 29 Ojai Trolley to entire valley---Table 44 Traffic issues such as noise, public transportation, road & safety conditions---Table 31		
	<i>Public Transit</i>		
Easy	Public transportation of all kinds	Tucker	Adams
Easy	Buses and trolleys that run later at night	Evan	Austin
Easy	Work in conjunction with Santa Barbara County to create	Christopher	Bates

	viable, express transit to SB		
Easy	Better/More public transportation	Christina	Colombo
Easy	More frequent bus service	Brett	Buyan
Easy	Improve present available transportation	Marcia	Hester
Easy	Regular schedule for rapid transit posted/available	David	Hill
Easy	Decline the lack of bus in the valley	David	Lawrence
Easy	Target use buses-- such as gov. center etc	John	Long
Easy	Develop public transportation in and out of the valley	Steven	Mitchell
Easy	Public transport hours increased	Adele	Schmalenberger
Easy	Improved, more convenient public transit	Heidi	Whitman
Easy	Expanded transit system for entire valley	Charles	Wood
Easy	Improved public transportations, especially to commute outside valley	Kenley	Neufeld
Easy	Improve public transportation in and out of Ojai Valley	David	Magney
Easy	Increase public transportation to get out of town	McKinley	Barnes
Easy	Local residents can ride school buses-- set up specific stops to pick up and drop off	Linda	Taylor
Easy	Upgrade of public transportation	James	Lashly
Easy	Public transportation to East End and Upper Ojai	Gayel	Childress
	<i>Extend Ojai Trolley</i>		
Easy	Extend Ojai valley-wide trolley	Brian	Aikens
Easy	Extend trolley service to Oak View	Melissa	Cherry
Easy	Public transportation to East End and Upper Ojai	Gayel	Childress
Easy	Extend trolley route to other communities (e.g Oak View)	Judy	Hohman
Easy	Bring trolley down through Oak View and Casitas Springs	Terri	Laine
Easy	Trolley from Ojai to Oak View	Janel	Lavoie
Easy	Trolley to go all the way to Oak View	Adrian	Mendez
Easy	Have the trolley route come out to Oak View	Alyssa	Miller
Easy	Make the Ojai trolley go down to Oak View	Lupita	Ortiz
Easy	Extend Ojai trolley route to Oak View	Shelly	Rhoades
Easy	Community garden, trolley come down to Oak View	Marilyn	Bodo
	<i>Trucks</i>		
Easy	Stop 18 wheeler trucks on Hwy 33	Robert	Auric
Easy	Minimize number of heavy vehicles (construction type) during peak hours	Dick	Bernacchi
Easy	Restrict stone quarry trucks on maricopa hwy	Alan	Saltzman
	<i>Noise</i>		
Easy	Traffic and noise mitigation	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Reduce noise pollution from autos and motorcycles through town	Garrett	Clifford
	<i>Pedestrian and Bike Improvements</i>		

Easy	Encourage pedestrianism and biking especially between communities	Rae	Hanstad
Easy	Address dangerous pedestrian crossings	Jon	Lambert
Easy	More bike lanes	Marleen	Luckman
Easy	Expand bicycle lanes	Don	Moore
Easy	More lighted crosswalks	Peggy	Russell
Easy	Improve transit-- including sidewalks and bicycles	Carol	Saltzman
Easy	Pedestrian amenities-- sidewalks, starting @schools)	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Adds signs to encourage usability of bike path	McKinley	Barnes
	<i>New Traffic Signals, turn lanes, etc.</i>		
Easy	Traffic flow modification, turn lanes	Gary	Girod
Easy	Add left turn markings south bound at Nye Rd. on 33	Robert	Mell
Easy	Add stop light in Casitas Springs on 33	Robert	Mell
Easy	Need a traffic light at 33 and Hermosa Rd.	Jon	Parisen
Easy	Improving traffic flow (Infrastructure)	Wayne	Pendrey
Easy	One traffic light in Casitas Springs for local people to get out on road	Donna	Turner
Easy	Easy traffic solutions-- lights, enforcement, HS students auto restriction	Susan	Weaver
	Phase out weed spray along public roads---Table 2 Traffic issues such as noise public transportation, road & safety conditions---Table 31		
	<i>Road Maintenance</i>		
Easy	Redo and repave roads	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Hillside netting at crucial junctions	Kenneth	Sandgren
Easy	Fix the roads	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Problems during the winter rains in the Arnaz Grade area-- need to fence the mountain with steel netting	Natalia	Moore
	Road and Safety Conditions---Table 31 Improve Public Infrastructure---Table 37		
Easy	Street repairs	Jude	Conroy
Easy	Street signs and streets marked more clearly. Painted.	Rita Norma	DiPaulo
Easy	Fix the roads	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Upgrade & repair of streets, curbs and sidewalks in all neighborhoods	Judith	Girod
Easy	Redo and repave roads	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Repave Cuyama and other bad streets	Gerry	Roe
Easy	Faster road repairs	Louise	Shaffer
Easy	Sidewalks on Loma	Hali	Stetta
Easy	Plan to fill the pot holes more quickly	Bob	Unruhe
Easy	Utilities—better quality, less dangerous, aesthetics	Elizabeth	Von Gunten

		Anne	
Easy	Provide better street lighting in all the urban settings	Vera	Smith
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	Consolidate transportation yards- city, SCAT, school	Steve	Olsen
Easy	Planning for a "doable" Bypass	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Easy	Website for carpooling to VTA college, Oxnard, SB etc.	Linda	Taylor

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Environmental Improvements- Preserving Open Space- Global Warming- Sustainability

Subtopics/Action Steps (4) - To Be Prioritized

- A) Preserve existing open space in the Valley**
- B) Promote green building valleywide**
- C) Create an environmental education program**
- D) Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community**

Environmental Improvements span protecting and restoring open spaces and creeks, reducing air pollution, green building, and sustainability. There is much cross-over between this subject and others such as transportation, supporting agriculture, and community education/communications.

A) Preserve existing open space in the Valley

The basic tools of open space preservation are local government zoning, acquisition of land or easements by public or nonprofit organizations, and SOAR measures. The County Ojai Valley Area Plan zones the large open space areas as "Open Space" with minimum parcel sizes between 20 and 80 acres. These areas are also covered by the County SOAR Ordinance. Some open space lands lie within the City of Ojai. The Ojai Valley is surrounded on the west and north by public lands and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's Ventura River Preserve. The Conservancy actively seeks private and public funding for additional acquisition and restoration projects.

B) Promote green building

Building Codes are established by the State and little opportunity exists for developing different local codes. Some cities and counties offer incentives such as speedier permit processing for green buildings. The County is pursuing making large new county buildings Green Building Certified and is evaluating incentives. Various financial incentives are offered by the federal and state governments and utility companies for energy efficiency building upgrades, energy reducing new construction, and solar energy. Public education also plays a role.

C) Create an environmental education program

An environmental education program could be offered through public and private schools, churches, service clubs, on local cable TV, and at community events. The program could address projects around the valley, measures people can take at home and at work, transportation, local success stories, and regional or national efforts.

D) Develop an environmental plan to make Ojai a model green and more sustainable community

An environmental plan could tie-together the above elements and provide a framework and road map for local efforts. Greenhouse gas reduction through reducing energy use (electricity and natural gas), reducing fuel consumption in transportation, alternative fuels, solar and wind energy, practicing the approach of

“Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” and growing one’s own food could be addressed. Professional assistance may be desirable. The Ojai Green Coalition is working toward similar purposes.

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals on this topic.

	Ojai Land Conservancy should receive more land to protect---Table 3 Preserve remaining open space---Table 8 Valley-wide environmental protection/education for people to know what they can do---Table 14 Protect slopes and waterways from overdevelopment---Table 18 Ojai implement more environmental and sustainable policies---Table 31 Sustainability of the environment---Table 33 Enhance natural environment---Table 35 Replace heritage trees with same---Table 36 Sustainability/Green Buildings---Table 42		
	<i>Preservation</i>		
Easy	Building moratorium on new residential construction	Robert	Auric
Easy	Maintain slow growth	Jeff	Bennett
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Preservation of open space	Joseph	Clark
Easy	Keep open spaces open	Sharon	Hixson
Easy	Ojai Valley growth control	Cindy	Murphree
Easy	Control growth	Roy	Rodriguez
Easy	Limit housing	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Continue to limit development	Cynthia	Temple
Easy	Preservation of open space	Susan	Jackson
Easy	Preserve remaining open space	Carl	Thelander
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	John	Broesamle
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Sustainability and environment	Kale	Starbird
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Complete Matilija Dam Removal by 2012	Paul	Jenkin
Easy	Supporting agriculture	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Reduce light pollution	Jeff	Bennett
Easy	Light pollution	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Easy	Make Ojai valley a "dark sky" valley or city	Jane	Spiller
	Instill green standards in buildings---Table 18 Sustainability/Green Buildings---Table 42		
	<i>Green Policies</i>		
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle

Easy	Green building standards	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Appreciate our community and natural environment	Sue	Horgan
Easy	Green materials required for building	Paula	Power
	Create regional solar project – fuel cell---Table 4		
Easy	Regional solar project	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Better recycling program-- more bins in schools and around the valley	Joslyn	Wood
	Valley-wide environmental protection/education for people to know what they can do---Table 14		
Easy	Environmental education	Judy	Bysshe
Easy	Environmental education/preservation	Karen	Harrison
Easy	New laws, practices subject to environmental review	Katherine	Hope
Easy	Valley-wide education about what individuals can do at home to preserve the environment	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
	Reduce air pollution through alternative fuel supply---Table 18		
Easy	keeping water available and air clean	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Investigation as to the possible chemical dangers we are being exposed to through the aerosol spraying occurring in the skies of Ojai as evidenced by chemtrails	Nancy	Roelle
Easy	Reduce air pollution	Dennis	Leary
Easy	No burn permit, chipping instead-- for air quality in the Ojai Valley	Sean	McAfee
Easy	Noise problems-- reduce noise and dust	Jane	Spiller
	Develop Environmental Plan to make Ojai a model green community---Table 10		
Easy	Develop an environmental plan (agencies, business, individuals) that will make the OV a model green community	Tim	Baird
Easy	Ojai Valley being a model for environmental sustainability	Caryn	Bosson

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Community Improvement

Subtopics/Action Steps (4)- To Be Prioritized

- A) Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan**
- B) Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up**
- C) Improve roadway landscaping**
- D) Increase code enforcement**

Small beautification projects can add up to significant improvements in the appearance of the Valley. Volunteer tree planting along the Ojai Trail and Highway 33 have been performed by Boy Scouts and the Oak View Civic Council, and other groups have landscaped barren areas. Many individuals pick up trash along roads and the Ojai Trail, and numerous home and business owners have substantially improved the appearance of their properties. Increased enforcement efforts have reduced illegal signs

A) Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan

Identify and prioritize clean-up projects, line-up volunteers and supporters, work with property owners.

B) Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up

The Group Against Graffiti is a group of volunteers that carry out graffiti abatement. Prompt abatement of graffiti serves as a deterrent in addition to removing blight. Graffiti should be reported to the Ojai Police who will then forward the report to the Group Against Graffiti.

C) Improve roadway landscaping

Caltrans and county road budgets barely cover road repairs and do not provide for ornamental landscaping. Volunteers have planted many trees along Highway 33 and the Ojai Valley Trail. Some private properties along the highway lack landscaping.

D) Increase code enforcement

Enforcement of building, grading, and sign violations has generally been compromised by a lack of funds. Recently, the County has increased funding and adopted a new fine system. However, like other municipal services, code enforcement service in the county unincorporated areas is not provided at city service levels. A citizen effort to report sign violations in Oak View resulted in removal of many illegal signs.

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals on this topic.

	Community Pride Programs, clean-ups, commercial beautification, graffiti program---Table 9 Graffiti program – valley wide coordination---Table 12 Cleaning up of property including gang insignia and tagging---Table 44 Replace heritage trees with same---Table 36		
	<i>Community Clean-up, Beautification, Aesthetics</i>		
Easy	Clean up of debris, for sale vehicles and cluttered lots	Kim	Armstrong
Easy	Commercial beautification (awards for best job)	Garret	Boehm
Easy	Community pride programs-- community clean up	Garret	Boehm
Easy	Clean up entrance into valley-- Oak View/ Casitas Springs	Eric	Dilks
Easy	Beautify corridors into the valley	Ernest	Rischar
Easy	Establish more volunteer days for people to help with specific projects	Judy	Hohman
Easy	Small token projects to motivate community to show Ojai as a leader in California	Bob	Ghen
Easy	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings and monuments (mail marked ojai not oxnard)	Betty	McAllister
Easy	Cleaning up some of the streets in the Ojai Valley	Miranda	Kapin
Easy	Clean up curb side along major commerce streets	Vera	Smith
Easy	Community garden	Marilyn	Bodo
Easy	Eliminate ugly sign at the corner of El Roblar and Maricopa Hwy	Rene F.	Diets
	<i>Graffiti</i>		
Easy	Crime-graffiti	Todd	McGinley
Easy	Graffiti	Sylvia	Park
Easy	Gang Graffiti removal crew	Sharon	Madonna
Easy	Removal of graffiti (lookout points on Dennison Grade)	Sean	McAfee
Easy	Graffiti clean up and prevention	Wyatt	Harris
	<i>Roadway Landscaping</i>		
Easy	Phase out pesticides/weed killers to treat roadsides	Christina	Colombo

Easy	Plant trees in Oak View along hwy 33	Jude	Conroy
Easy	Prune trees along all major roads and bike trails	Judith	Girod
Easy	Greenery through Oak View to beautify entrance to valley	Terri	Laine
Easy	Hwy 33 and 150 Valley wide tree master plan	Kathy	Nolan
	More green buildings---Table 5 Instill green standards in buildings---Table 18 Ojai implement more environmental and sustainable policies---Table 31 More green buildings/green building standards, environmental and sustainable policies---Tables 31, 42		
Easy	Fund and complete Ojai Area Plan Programs	Russ	Baggerly
Easy	Codes pertaining to housing ordinances	Susan	Barry
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	John	Broesamle
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Green building standards	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Regional land use planning	Fred	Bysshe
Easy	Valley-wide development plan	Don	Diaz
Easy	Develop architectural standards fir 33 corridor	Jim	Perkins
Easy	Green materials required for building	Paula	Power
Easy	Regulate front and back set backs to new building	Aimee L	Eccles
Easy	Create/adjust specific building codes to encourage smart growth or live/work situations	Holly	Roberts
	Code Enforcement --Table 35		
Easy	Approve budget that includes additional funding for code enforcement	Pat	Baggerly
Easy	Planning & Building and safety--code enforcement	Russ	Baggerly
Easy	Signage and banners--code enforcement	Patrick	Gorey
Easy	Enforcement of existing codes, laws and rules regarding housing, loitering and building	Sharon	Madonna
Easy	The enforcing of county and city ordinances	Betty	McAllister
	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings/monuments---Table 30		
Easy	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings and monuments (mail marked Ojai not Oxnard)	Betty	McAllister
	Better lighting for urban areas---Table 45		
Easy	Provide better street lighting in all the urban settings	Vera	Smith
	No Specific Table Recommendations:		
	<i>Community Events/Gatherings</i>		
Easy	more community gathering events	Hansel	Balayan
Easy	Gathering place, activities	Leslie	Gutierrez
Easy	More community events	John	Herndon
Easy	More community events	David	Hill
	<i>Loitering</i>		
Easy	Ordinance against loitering in square in Ojai and Meiners Oaks	Harold	Glenn

Easy	Loitering of day laborers	Susan	Barry
	<i>Chain stores</i>		
Easy	Define a no chain/franchise business area-- more support for local business	Paula	Power
Easy	Come up with creative legislation to restrict or discourage chain stores in city/valley	Evan	Austin
	<i>Misc.</i>		
Easy	Increase parcel tax for library and school	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Ojai slogan	Bob	Ghen
	<i>Noise</i>		
Easy	Reduce noise pollution from autos and motorcycles through town	Garrett	Clifford
Easy	Excessive noise from motorcycles	Patrick	Gorey
Easy	Develop audio level standards	Jim	Perkins
Easy	Noise abatement-- too much noise generated	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Easy	Noise problems-- reduce noise and dust	Jane	Spiller
	<i>Trucks</i>		
Easy	Restrict stone quarry trucks on Maricopa Hwy	Alan	Saltzman
Easy	Stop 18 wheeler trucks on Hwy 33	Robert	Auric

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Connecting the Community

Subtopics/Action Steps (5)- To Be Prioritized

- A) Improve dialogue between groups of people valleywide**
- B) Improve communication and coordination between government agencies**
- C) Develop a buy local campaign to support local agriculture and business**
- D) Reduce gang activity/crime through valleywide meetings and conflict mediation**
- E) Improve programs that help elders stay in their homes**

A) Improve dialogue between groups of people valleywide

Ojai Valley residents communicate valley-wide through a vast network of organizations, groups and congregations. Most of these are formed by people coming together with a shared common interest and most of them include people from throughout the valley. Examples are HELP of Ojai, Ojai Valley Youth Foundation, Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

The Ojai Valley News and the local cable channel allow residents to learn about one another and offer ideas for newsworthy articles and information about community events.

More recently new technology has allowed residents to communicate via the internet on sites such as those hosted by www.ojainetwork.com and www.theojaipost.com.

There are some barriers that exist to valleywide communication between specific groups. Children in the valley attend two different school districts, and the communication between private and public schools is limited. Separate government jurisdictions such as county, city, and water districts all have different communication structures, policies and procedures.

Geographical location may be a barrier to some communication efforts. Residents of the Upper Ojai may find it difficult or inconvenient to attend meetings or gatherings in Casitas Springs and vice versa.

Communication is usually more positive when groups focus on what they have in common, certainly until trust is built. Discussions regarding difficult issues might be accomplished through professionally facilitated community forums where residents are encouraged to present a variety of viewpoints.

Groups and organizations could make a concerted effort to communicate with each other and to work collaboratively on joint efforts. An example of this is the Community Connections effort that is working toward better communication between non-profit organizations in the Ojai Valley. Government meetings open to the public are another venue for sharing concerns and opinions.

If the proposed valleywide broadcast radio station became operational, one option would be to have it broadcast more than just during emergencies. This would provide an additional way to share information throughout the valley. The phone books include event calendars, the Chamber of Commerce maintains a calendar on their website, and www.ojaievents.com is an up-to-date website that provides a calendar of events.

Finally, meetings such as these Valleywide Discussions are specifically focused on fostering this dialogue across the valley.

B) Improve communication by government and between governments

The City and County have good relations and a cooperative working relationship. Although both have different elected leaders and staff, efforts are made to communicate policies. In some cases such as the Social Host Ordinance, a concerted and successful effort was made to have consistent policies in both the City and County. The County, City and various emergency responders/service providers meet twice yearly to improve communication, planning and response to emergencies and disasters.

In the early 1990's the City of Ojai undertook a major study of expanding the City valleywide. The conclusion was that it would financially hurt existing City residents and therefore was not pursued. Joint Powers agreements between the City, County, and School District are possible to address specific services, such as recreation or transportation (SCAT is one such JPA).

There are two public water agencies that pump from the Ventura River groundwater basin, and several agencies plus the Southern California Water Company that draw from or regulate the Ojai Groundwater Basin. The Casitas Municipal Water District operates the federally owned dam and diversion, and serves water both on a wholesale and retail basis. Several private mutual water companies also serve agricultural and residential customers. The Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County provides a forum for the exchange of information on local and regional water issues.

C) Create and sustain a valley-wide “Buy Local” campaign

There are many on-line resources for establishing “Buy Local” campaigns, particularly for food. These organizations both assist local groups in setting up local campaigns, as well as directly assisting farmers and consumers. (www.buylocal.org, foodroutes.org, caff.org, buylocalday.org, localharvest.org)

D) Reduce gang activity/crime through valleywide meetings and conflict mediation

While the Ojai Valley gangs represent a relatively small problem compared with gangs in other areas, there has been much concern about recent gang activity. It is estimated that the Ojai Valley is home to 50 or so gang members. There are two gangs in the valley: a Latino group with about 35 members; and a second gang of about 15 or so mostly white youths from Oak View. It is not against the law to associate with a gang. Until the group breaks the law, the police have limited options.

There were about 50 calls to the Police Department for service related to gangs in the last year. Per the Ojai Valley News, Captain Bruce Norris: “Most of those were to report graffiti in the city of Ojai, serious

crimes such as assault, robbery and weapons violations occurred throughout the valley. Because many crimes go unreported by the victims, I believe that gang-related crimes were significantly higher.”

In December 2006 the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved funding of a special four-deputy anti-gang task force to focus on West County activity, including gangs in the Ojai Valley.

The Ventura County Sheriff’s Department has established a Gang Tip Hotline. This hotline, 1-888-58GANGS, was created to allow residents of gang-infested neighborhoods a way to anonymously report on-going gang activity.

Gang activity has fallen since last summer after several convictions. Law enforcement tactics to prevent gang crime include making contact with gang members, arresting them at every opportunity, conducting random searches of the homes of those on probation, having the school resource officer interact with students suspected of gang association and take action when possible, prompt graffiti abatement and pressing for stiff sentences. Street Terrorism Gang Enhancement laws allow for increased sentences for gang members.

E) Improve programs that help elders stay in their homes

The Ventura County Human Services Agency’s In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides assistance to those eligible aged, blind, or disabled individuals who are limited in their ability to remain in their own homes without this service. The IHSS program will help pay for services provided to a person so that he or she can remain safely at home. IHSS is considered an alternative to out-of-home care, such as a nursing home or board and care facility. A person may be eligible for IHSS if he or she meets *all* of the following:

- Is over age 65, or disabled or blind;
- Receives SSI/SSP, or is low income with low assets (the government has specific limits);
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- Has California residency;
- Lives in a private residence;
- Needs help to remain safely at home.

For those who exceed income and asset eligibility requirements for government programs, there are private agencies that provide in-home assistance services for a fee. These services may include: skilled nursing, home health aides, housekeeping, shopping, personal care, errands, safety supervision, chore services, grooming/hygiene, live-in services, transportation, light housekeeping, meal preparation, medication reminders and bathing/dressing, physical therapy, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapy, and medical social services.

HELP of Ojai Caring Neighbors program provides volunteers to telephone, visit, and provide support and occasional practical assistance to frail elderly people, the handicapped or those with chronic illness.

Additional Issue Information

Create/improve a valleywide visitor center

The Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center operates a visitor center in downtown Ojai, but promotes businesses and attractions valleywide, including through its website and phone services. The City of Ojai reduced its funding of the visitor center during its recent budget problems (from \$50,000 in 04/05 to currently providing free rent to the Museum to provide visitor services)

Develop restrictions on franchise businesses

Restricting franchise businesses is under consideration by the City of Ojai. Federal restraint-of-trade laws prohibit treating one business differently from another. Communities have adopted size, design, sign, and product type regulations to partially address this issue.

Expand the Ojai Library

Under the Library District governing structure, the City of Ojai is the lead agency for the Ojai Library.

Periodically, State bond funding becomes available for library expansions.

Voter approved parcel taxes in both the City and surrounding unincorporated areas fund enhanced service levels at the Ojai Library, however these tax measures did not provide for inflationary increases and their purchasing power is steadily eroding. The City of Ojai is coordinating an effort for expanding the library.

Completion of Little House/West Campus/Honor Farm

The Plan for West Campus: to expand HELP of Ojai's "Little House" to the "Big House"; to develop a multi-tenant non-profit center; to encourage access and utilization of adjacent open space and maximize agricultural use.

West Campus Project Objectives: all HELP of Ojai projects implemented on the site must meet four initial requirements- that they be do-able, fundable, sustainable and meet with the mission of HELP of Ojai. West Campus tenants (other than HELP programs) will be selected according to their ability to enhance HELP of Ojai's financial viability, their contribution to implementation of the general objectives of the West Campus, and the compatibility of their mission with that of HELP of Ojai.

Prevent flooding, particularly along Thacher and San Antonio Creeks

There are many homes and farms within the floodplains of Thacher and San Antonio Creeks. Other developed areas of the Valley are also subject to flooding. Extensive, and expensive, levees and channeling would be needed to remove these areas from floodplains. Much of this work would require environmental permits that would be challenging to obtain.

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals on this topic.

	Form Regional Coalition for ongoing problems --- Table 4 Town Meetings---Table 11 Improve Communication---Table 15 Bring different communities to this process---Table 37 Increased Connection between public and private schools---Table 38		
	<i>Valley Wide Dialogue</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide communication, unity and understanding	Carol	Belser
Easy	Better valley-wide communication channels	William	Hessell
Easy	Improve valley-wide communication	Roger	Essick
Easy	Improving communication	Sue	Horgan
Easy	More whole valley dialogues and coordinate community groups	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Easy	Valley communications	Paul	McConnaughey
Easy	Get Ojai and outlying communities to communicate	Leanna	Kennedy
Easy	Meetings to allow community wide networking-communication	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Easy	Form regional coalition for long term on going work on mutual problems	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Structure for cross-valley dialogue on specifications	Carol	Saltzman
	<i>Group Dialogue</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide task groups	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Easy	Connect all groups/agencies/organizations together	John	Herndon
Easy	Develop meaningful connection between ethnic groups	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Easy	Bring together disparate community groups	Jon	Lambert

Easy	Conflict resolution groups to work with Ojai issues	Katherine	Hope
Easy	Bring groups together for better communication	Richard	Jones
Easy	Identify areas of common interest	Roger	Essick
Easy	Set an organization in place to facilitate this consensus discussion	Todd	Wilson
Easy	Deal with the current ill-will among city council and "fringe" elements	Christine	Golden
Easy	Hoping that our efforts will grow successfully	Chilant	Sprague
Easy	Support diversity of people and thought	Susan	Westbrook
	<i>Event Calendar/Directory</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide Event scheduling/calendar (orgs, churches, schools, city etc)	Katie	Frazier
Easy	Ojai Valley consolidated event calendar	David	Lawrence
Easy	Valley directory-- increase communication	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Easy	Create a more user friendly quick response team for quick public information	Dan	McLaughlin
	Central Database for Government Info/Services – Table 12 Government Coordination---Table 32		
	<i>Government Communication - By and Between</i>		
Easy	Achieve better communication between city of Ojai and county gov.	Maria	Studer
Easy	Improved coordination between Ojai City and County regarding recreation opportunities for all ages	Tucker	Adams
Easy	Coordinated governmental organizations-- Planning, water, resources, environmental, rec	A. Michael	Weaver
Easy	Expose Community Development Plan to community	Elana	Daley
Easy	County response time back to citizens on general questions	Ann	McLaughlin
	Support local farmers, buy local, education about benefits of supporting local farmers---Table 7 Create and sustain a valley-wide “Buy Local” campaign w/incentives---Table 8		
	<i>Buy Local</i>		
Easy	Really support local business	Dian	Spence
Easy	Create a vigorous "Buy Local" ethic and campaign from Casitas Springs to Upper Ojai	Peter	Cantle
	Gang Control and ID -- Table 17 Reduce Crime by Creating valley-wide community meetings and conflict mediation -- Table 28		
Easy	Gang vigilance	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Gang ID and control	Alex	Laine
Easy	Community-wide crime prevention, including ecological concerns	Maria	Parisen
Easy	How to curb juvenile delinquency	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	More police surveillance of Meiners Oaks	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Easy	Create stronger community policing program-- biking/ walking patrols	Peter	Cantle

Easy	Random undercover cops on trolley to prevent drug sales	Judy	Gabriel
	Support Agriculture---Table 38 Support local farmers, buy local, education about benefits of supporting local farmers---Table 7 Support local farmers---Table 42		
	<i>Agriculture</i>		
Easy	Supporting agriculture	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Encourage the traditional business of farming in the valley	Karen	Evenden
	Other No Specific Table Recommendations:		
	Develop enhanced elder care/companion programs to enable elders to stay in their homes --Table 38		
Easy	An enhanced companion program to keep seniors independent in their homes	Noel	Douglas
Easy	more attention paid to the disabled children as well as the senior citizens in homes	Maria Raqud	Uribe
Easy	Emergency Liason for the more isolated and seniors living in a home	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
Easy	Support for seniors	Shelia	Ghen
	<i>Employment</i>		
Easy	Provide bonuses or incentives to businesses that hire "Ojai people"	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
Easy	creating more jobs for local residents with adequate pay and benefits	Dick	Bernacchi
	<i>Visitor Center</i>		
Easy	Reinstate visitors bureau funding by tying it to TOT	Tyler	Suchman
Easy	Visitor Center for valley in Casitas Springs	Alice	Gardner
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	Regional solar project	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Increase econ. Tax	Barbara	Pops
	<i>Franchise Restrictions</i>		
Easy	Restriction of franchise businesses coming into Ojai	Nathaniel	Wolper
Easy	Define a no chain/franchise business area-- more support for local business	Paula	Power
Easy	Come up with creative legislation to restrict or discourage chain stores in city/valley	Evan	Austin
	<i>Growth/Development</i>		
Easy	Growth/ new homes, apt condos etc	Roberta	Battaglia
Easy	Valley-wide development plan	Don	Diaz
Easy	Push for development of empty commercial property	Don	Moore
Easy	Attract more business-- which will generation more tax revenue	Eric	Dilks
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Youth/ community/ performing arts center	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Develop cultural arts center	Steven	Mitchell

Easy	Lack of a center for intellectual activity for adults--branch of a college, promote study	Alan	Saltzman
Easy	Center for life-long learning.	Carol	Garramone
Easy	Empty lot across from Nordhoff, public space	Sharon	Hixson
	Form regional coalition for ongoing problems---Table 4 Government coordination---Table 32 Encourage government interaction (local and county)---Table 35 Central data base – government info/services---Table 12		
	<i>Governance</i>		
Easy	Redistrict voting to include the whole valley	Joyce M.	McWilliams
Easy	Create a valley-wide sphere of influence	Pat	Essick
Easy	Coordination of development decision making valley-wide	Andrew	Whitman
Easy	Valley-wide city	Diane	Goodrow
Easy	Broader governing body for valley	Helen	Harnett
Easy	Not allowing annexation of the valley by the city of Ojai	Nathaniel	Wolper
	<i>Utilities</i>		
Easy	Improve public infrastructure	Theresa	Stevens
Easy	Increase use of sustainable technology	Cynthia	Temple
Easy	Utilities-- better quality, less dangerous, aesthetics	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Develop local alternative fuel supply and distribution	Paul	Jenkin
	<i>Water</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide water district	Wyatt	Harris
Easy	Water districts-- consolidated dialogue among agencies	Ray	Johnson
Easy	One water district	Diane	Goodrow
Easy	Consolidate water districts	Austin	Cline
Easy	Water rights	Cindy	Murphree
Easy	Open up the lake (body contact) for increased revenue	Wayne	Pendrey
	<i>Social Services</i>		
Easy	Consolidation of valley support agencies	Kenneth	Sandgren
Easy	Access to county social service locally	Jessica	Murray
Easy	Distributing unused fruit grown in the valley	Keith	Helmkamp
Easy	Develop broader volunteer base across age groups to help all community groups	Debbie	McConnell
Easy	English language education for adult Hispanics	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Community centers serving major valley neighborhoods/populations	David	Intner
Easy	A community center open daily and evenings in town	Sarra	Jubinville
	Expand Ojai Library---Table 36		
	<i>Library</i>		
Easy	Increase parcel tax for library and school	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Enlarge Ojai Library	Carol	Smith

	Completion of Little House/West Campus/Honor Farm and Community Development---Table 44		
	<i>Honor Farm</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide use of the Honor Farm Property including funding	Gary	Girod
Easy	West campus or little house	Les	Gardner
	Flood Control Repair – Thacher and San Antonio---Table 45		
Easy	Funding for loss of homes and personal items	Randi	McAfee
Easy	Prevent flooding	Jack	Smith

4:15 – 4:35

Youth

We won't be ranking subtopics on this issue.
The action item is to answer this question:

What would be the best 3 things we could do for the youth of the Ojai Valley in the next 5 years?

Below are the recommendations from tables and suggestions from individuals on this topic.

	Youth as a community priority Table 31 Community Center/After school student activities/pool/gym Table 15 Opportunities for Youth Table 17 Money for teen centers Table 30 Youth Center/Youth facilities Table 34		
	<i>Youth Center</i>		
Easy	"Hang out" spots for youth/facilities for youth	Hansel	Balayan
Easy	Youth/ community/ performing arts center	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	City schools and Park and start dialogue on teen center	Judy	Gabriel
Easy	Money for community teen centers	Janel	Lavoie
Easy	A youth center	Nancy	Main
Easy	Youth center in Ojai	Dale	Hanson
Easy	Center for teen entertainment; bowling-video arcade	Javier	Ramirez
Easy	A community center open daily and evenings in town	Sarra	Jubinville
	Create small projects that make Ojai a statewide leader – educational and recreational opportunities for youth Table 3 More youth programs to include diversity Table 5 Better programming for youth Table 11		

	More youth activity options Table 29 Increased connection between public and private schools Table 38 Increase availability of youth programs Table 39 More youth activities Table 41 Increase services for youth to include library, school programs and after school activities Table 43		
	<i>Education</i>		
Easy	Expand youth activities and education opportunities	Mike	Daley
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Affordable pre-school for all children	Ed	Guerena
Easy	Better nutrition for children in the schools (food for thought)	Keith	Helmkamp
Easy	More "apprentice type" work-- opportunities for our teenagers	Joyce L.	Heath
	<i>Youth Civic Involvement</i>		
Easy	Increase teen community involvement	Elana Inkicks	Daley
Easy	Engage youth in more civic projects	Noel	Douglas
Easy	Make public youth activities free for all socio-economic groups	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
	Unified School District Table 40		
	<i>School District Boundaries</i>		
Easy	One Valley-wide school District	Melissa	Cherry
Easy	Redistrict schools-- No bussing	Bob	Daddi
Easy	One unified school district for entire Ojai Valley	Helen	Harnett
	Increase Park and Rec. Opportunities w/focus on youth and teens Table 7 More valley-wide youth activities, recreation and facilities Table 9 Recreation for teens Table 42		
	<i>Youth Recreation</i>		
Easy	More recreation services and facilities for youth	Shelia	Ghen
Easy	Recreation for teens	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Opportunities for youth, parks, rec activities	Alex	Laine
Easy	More affordable recreation and after school activities for youth	Wally	McCall
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities for teens	Susan	Westbrook
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Make sure all the students get rec. center info (valley-wide)	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
	<i>Valley-wide Youth Activities</i>		

Easy	Youth activities to engage all kids valley-wide	Ed	Guerena
Easy	Coordinated valley-wide youth activities	Judy	Bysshe
	<i>More and Better Coordinated Programs/Activities for Youth</i>		
Easy	Better coordinated and more funding for youth programming	William	Hessell
Easy	Increase availability of youth services and programs	George	Jensen
Easy	More youth activities	Miranda	Kapin
Easy	More youth activities weekend and after school	Sheldon	Khougaz
Easy	More activities and diversity for youth	Dawn	Rosalind
Easy	Create more for youth, places to hang out, things to do	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Youth activities programming and facilities	Kate	Russell
Easy	More funding for youth programs	Shelly	Rhoades
Easy	After school programming for Oak View kids returning from Ventura	Lisa	Meeker
Easy	Something for youth to do in Ojai-- ie a roller-blading rink, bowling alley	Joslyn	Wood
Easy	Creating more activities and locations for kids	Kim	Armstrong
Easy	Develop more programs focusing on the youth	Karen	Evenden
Easy	Greater publicity for youth activities options	Brian	Aikens
Easy	Youth connection-- continued and expanded support for valley-wide sports, youth organizations, OVYF	Kathy	Nolan
Easy	Improved youth activities areas	Louise	Shaffer
Easy	Help of Ojai for Kids	John	Long
Easy	increased connection between high school	Carol	Castanon
Easy	Supervision at skate park	Carol	Castanon
	<i>Intergenerational Activities</i>		
Easy	Develop meaningful connection between seniors and youth	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Easy	Intergenerational center for youth activities and community events	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Easy	Develop broader volunteer base across age groups to help all community groups	Debbie	McConnell
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	How to curb juvenile delinquency	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	The youth of Ojai	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	more attention paid to the disabled children as well as the senior citizens in homes	Maria Raquid	Uribe
Easy	People in the Ojai Valley to make a commitment to supporting youth	Caryn	Bosson

Ojai Valleywide Discussion
Nordhoff High School Gym
Sunday, April 15, 2007
1:45 to 5:00 p.m.

1:45- 2:00	Welcome, Clarification of Goals and Process
2:00- 2:20	Disaster Prep and Emergency Room: rank the Subtopic/Action items
2:20- 2:40	Affordable Housing: respond to two questions: What factors that make the issue of Affordable Housing a hard issue to reach consensus on in the valley? and, What steps or concepts could make affordable housing work and be an easier issue to reach consensus on?
2:40- 2:50	Move to new tables
2:50- 3:10	Recreation Services Valleywide: rank the Subtopic/Action items
3:10- 3:35	Transportation and Mass Transit: rank the Subtopic/Action items
3:35- 3:55	Environmental Improvements - Preserving Open Space - Global Warming - Sustainability: rank the Subtopic/Action items
3:55	Two issues done at one time: People select and move to their desired topic Community Improvement Connecting the Community
4:15- 4:35	Youth Issues: Identify the three best things we could do for youth over the next 5 years
4:35- 4:50	Final voting and ranking of items selected throughout the day
4:50- 5:00	Preparation for the next meeting -- Evaluation of this meeting

Individual Response Form

Criteria for picking subtopics

Name _____

- 1. Prioritize what will fairly quickly and easily win broad Valleywide support.
- 2. Prioritize what will encourage Valleywide cooperation.
- 3. Prioritize what will do the above and have an impact.

2:00 – 2:20

The top ranked item should be given the highest score1-5

Ranking Disaster Plan/Preparedness, CERT & Hospital

- _____ A) Improve our individual ability to be prepared for disaster
- _____ B) Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program
- _____ C) Improve communication during emergencies
- _____ D) Improve the hospital and emergency room
- _____ E) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster plans

For your top ranked item answer these 5 questions

- 1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

4. In your opinion, is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, Yes or No?

- 5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

2:20 – 2:40

Affordable Housing

- 1. What are the factors that make the issue of affordable housing a hard issue for Ojai Valley residents to reach agreement on?

- 2. What are the key steps or conceptual approaches that could make affordable housing work and be an easier issue to reach consensus on?

2:50 – 3:10

The top ranked item should be given the highest score1-4

Ranking Recreation Services Valleywide

- _____ A) Create a valley-wide recreation district
- _____ B) Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available
- _____ C) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth
- _____ D) Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions after the group ranks them

For your top ranked item answer these 5 questions

- 1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

4. In your opinion, is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, Yes or No?

- 5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

3:10 – 3:35

The top ranked item should be given the highest score1-4

Ranking Mass Transit/Transportation

- _____ A) Improve public transit in and out of the valley
- _____ B) Decrease car use within the valley by expanding the trolley/pubic transit and use of other transportation alternatives
- _____ C) Improve road maintenance
- _____ D) Improve efficiency of traffic flow

For your top ranked item answer these 5 questions

- 1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

4. In your opinion, is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, Yes or No?

- 5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

3:35 – 3:55

The top ranked item should be given the highest score1-4

Ranking **Environmental Improvements- Preserving Open Space- Global Warming-Sustainability**

- _____

- A) **Preserve existing open space in the Valley**

B) **Promote green building Valleywide**

C) **Create an environmental education program**

D) **Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community**

For your top ranked item answer these 5 questions

1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

4. In your opinion, is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, Yes or No?

5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

3:55 – 4:15

The top ranked item should be given the highest score1-4

Ranking **Community Improvement**

- _____

- A) **Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan**

B) **Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up**

C) **Improve roadway landscaping**

D) **Increase code enforcement**

For your top ranked item answer these 5 questions

1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

4. In your opinion, is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, Yes or No?

5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

3:55 – 4:15

The top ranked item should be given the highest score1-5

Ranking **Connecting the Community**

- _____

- A) **Improve dialogue between groups of people Valleywide**

B) **Improve communication and coordination between government agencies**

C) **Develop a buy local campaign to support local agriculture and business**

D) **Reduce gang activity/crime through Valleywide meetings and conflict mediation**

E) **Improve programs that help elders stay in their homes**

For your top ranked item answer these 5 questions

1. What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2. What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

3. Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

4. In your opinion, is there enough potential for success here to justify another meeting on this issue, Yes or No?

5. Do you have any special interest or background in this particular subtopic?

4:15 – 4:35

Youth

What would be the best 3 things we could do for the youth of the Ojai Valley in the next 5 years?

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**To be used for the final
ranking of the day**

A_____

B_____

C_____

D_____

E_____

F_____

G_____

H_____

I_____

J_____

K_____

L_____

M_____

After seeing the final ranking, the top 3 items I would like to personally work on at the third meeting are:

1st Priority

2nd Priority

3rd Priority

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A. Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program.

B. Improve communication during emergencies

C. Create a valley wide recreation district

D. Expand recreational programs, particularly for youth

E. Improve public transit in and out of the valley

F. Decrease car use within the valley by expanding the trolley/public transit and use of other transportation alternatives

G. Preserve existing open space in the Valley

H. Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community

I. Develop community cleanup and beautification action plan

J. Focus on graffiti prevention and cleanup

K. Improve dialogue between groups of people valleywide

L. Reduce gang activity/crime through valley-wide meetings and conflict mediation.

M. Youth Center

Table Number	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>M</u>
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Ojai Valleywide Discussion
Sunday October 28, 2007

Agenda

- 1:30 Welcome and Agenda Review
- 1:43 Ojai Valley Disaster Preparation
 - Actions in Progress and Individual Preparation
 - Update on AM Radio Communication and Reverse 911 – Sheriff Capt. and Ojai Police Chief Bruce Norris
 - CERTS (Citizens Emergency Response Teams) – County Fire Chief Bob Roper
- 2:10 Break into Community Groups- Brainstorm neighborhood disaster issues
- 2:45 Ojai as a Model Green Community – Video and Presentation
- 3:10 Ojai Valley Green Coalition - Overview and Video by Coalition Chair Tim Baird
- 3:25 OVGC Committee Chair Introductions, Overviews of Coalition's Six Committees
- 3:35 Participants visit two committees
- 4:00 Pie is served
- 4:02 Valleywide Recreation issues, options and input by clicker
- 4:20 Final comments, evaluation
- 4:30 Closure of the Valleywide Discussions

Name _____

My Neighborhood _____

Individual Disaster Response Sheet

1) Group exercise - Please help breakdown your community into likely small neighborhood subdivisions suitable for CERT Teams.

2) What populations in our area are vulnerable? *Do we have a senior center (Day care or Long Term Care)? Frail or Elderly living alone? A school?* _____

3) Besides populations, what are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities? *A levee? Pets or Livestock?* _____

4) What are our neighborhood resources *A generator? A Fire Station?* _____

5) Any neighbors with special skills? List name and approximate address or contact information you may have for them.

Physician _____

Nurse _____

C.P.R./ First Aid Certified _____

Peace Officer _____

Firefighter _____

Tradesmen Electrician, Plumber, Mechanic etc _____

Other _____

6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

Tractor _____

Bob Cat _____

4-Wheel Drive _____

Motor Homes _____

Back Hoe _____

Other _____

7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood for an effective CERTS team?

8) Have you completed CERT training? Yes No

Are you willing to complete CERT training? Yes No

9) Suggestions to be help us get enough people in our neighborhood to have an effective Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)?

10) Are you willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator? If not present, is there someone in the neighborhood you recommend be contacted for this role?

Personal Pledge: _____

I, _____, commit to assisting my neighborhood with disaster preparedness by:
(First and Last Name)

_____ Becoming a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Member

_____ Actively gathering volunteers for CERT in order to create a comprehensive CERT team

_____ Making sure my household is sufficiently prepared for a disaster



16 EASY, LOW-COST WAYS TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING

1. Carpool to work and shopping- Save money and make friends.
2. Inflate your car tires to the tire's maximum pressure. Save 250 lbs. of carbon and hundreds of dollars per year.
3. Change your car air filter every 15,000 miles.
4. Don't idle your car- turn it off if stopped for more than 30 seconds.
5. Insulate home & business hot water pipes- saves energy, water, and time. Easy to install at under \$30 of materials.
6. Set your home water heater to 120 degrees. Save up to 500 lbs. of carbon.
7. Only run your home dishwasher when full.
8. Have your home landscape irrigation system evaluated by a professional- save water and the energy of pumping it. Over 50% of residential water is used for landscaping.
9. Replace any refrigerator over 7 years old with a new Energy Star model- with rebates and energy savings it will pay for itself.
10. Use a push lawnmower- good exercise too!
11. Use cloth grocery bags- keep two in each car to make it easy.
12. Use a clothes line. Save 700 lbs carbon and have fresher scented clothes.
13. Unplug appliances when not in use and fully turn off computers. Save up to 1,000 lbs. carbon.
14. Grow your own fruits and vegetables; compost yard and kitchen wastes.
15. Buy local produce, buy organic foods, eat less meat (particularly beef).
16. Plant a tree. Offset 2,000 lbs. carbon

First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion Power
point: November 12, 2006

Welcome to the First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion



Process Goals Overall

- More people feeling connected Valley-wide
 - Open process
- Examine before providing input
 - Let data determine decisions

Outcome of these three meetings

Master document generated and available to any individual group, organization, government agency, etc.

History of these meetings, who, opportunities and challenges and this group's considerations.

Documenting our voting during these meeting can generate great data.

Process open at the end—a variety of ways people could take next steps.

Meeting Today—Issues, opportunities and challenges prioritized

Plans tentative for next two meetings:

April 15— Prioritized Issues examined. Identify and prioritize improvement possibilities.

Fall 2007—Improvement possibilities examined and discussed. Data generated about how this group feels about these possibilities

List #1 Important, likely to have doable solutions that can quickly win broad support

List #2 Important, likely to have more challenging solutions that will take more time to win broad support

Big Thoughts for Today!!

- "Start with the end in mind"—S. Covey
- "Seek first to understand- then to be understood"—S. Covey
- "Solutions come when we are hard on issues and soft on people"—W. Urey

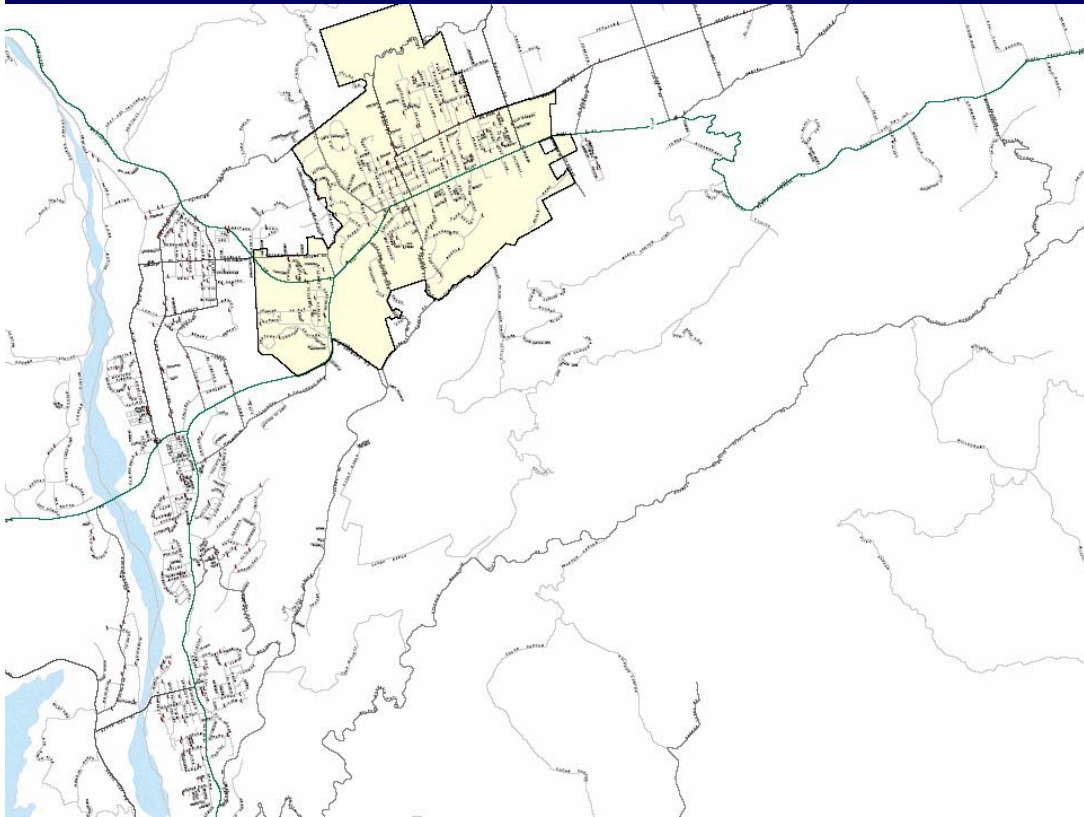
What: Our primary task today is to....

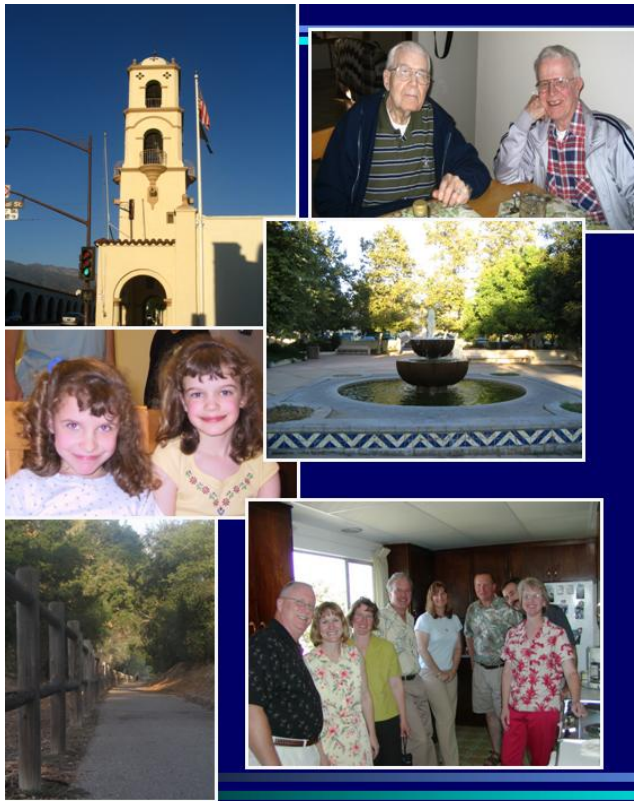
Build context and identify where we want to prioritize our limited time over the next two meetings.

How:

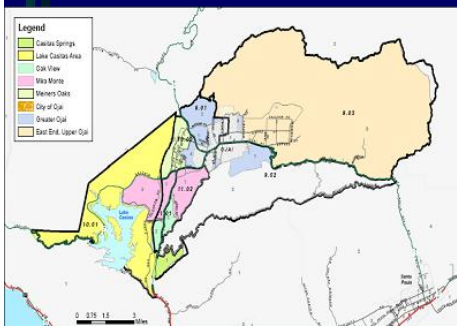
1. PowerPoint presentation for context.
2. Table input to identify issues.
3. Electronic voting to determine how we prioritize our time

What, if any, are
your concerns and
hopes for these
three meetings?





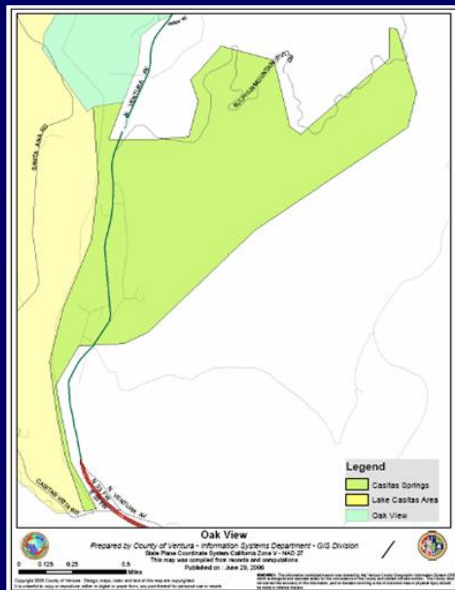
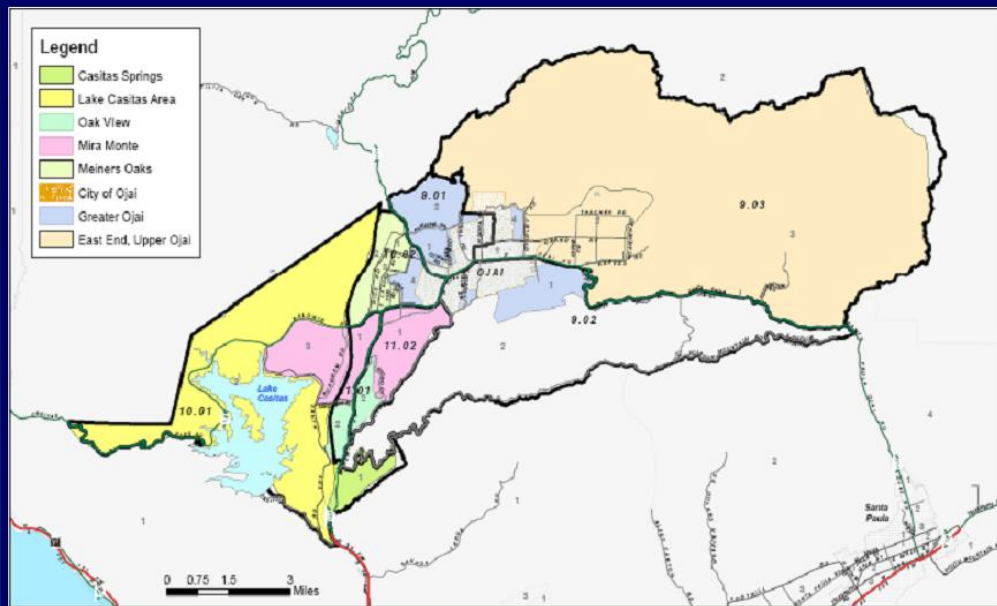
A Snapshot of the Ojai Valley Today



Ojai Valley

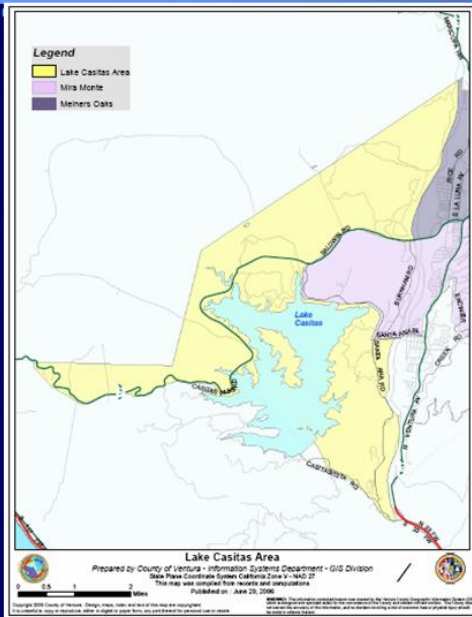
- **56,420** total acres or 80 square miles.
- Population in 1990: 28,830 people.
- Population in 2000: 29,617 people
- Population density of 1.9 acres per person.

Seven Distinct Communities



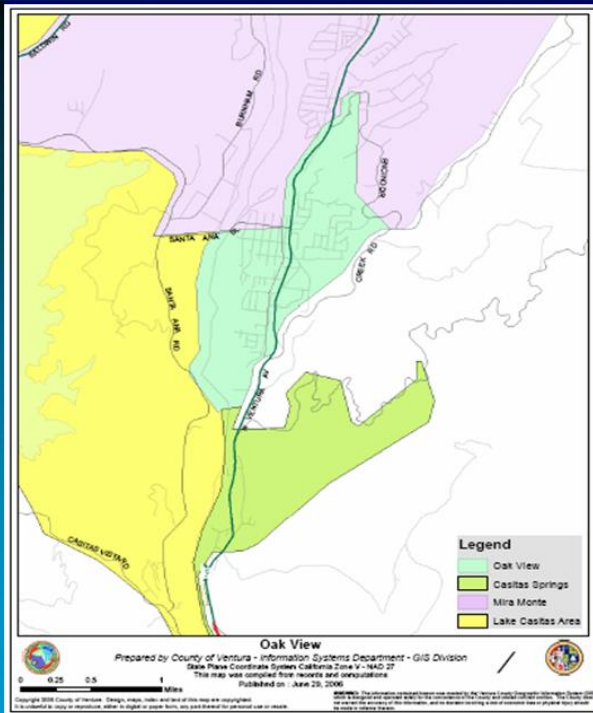
Casitas Springs

- ❖ **400** total acres
- ❖ Population of **715** people
- ❖ Population density of .56 acres per person



Lake Casitas Area

- ❖ 10, 549 total acres
- ❖ Population of 728 people
- ❖ Population density of 14.5 acres per person



Oak View

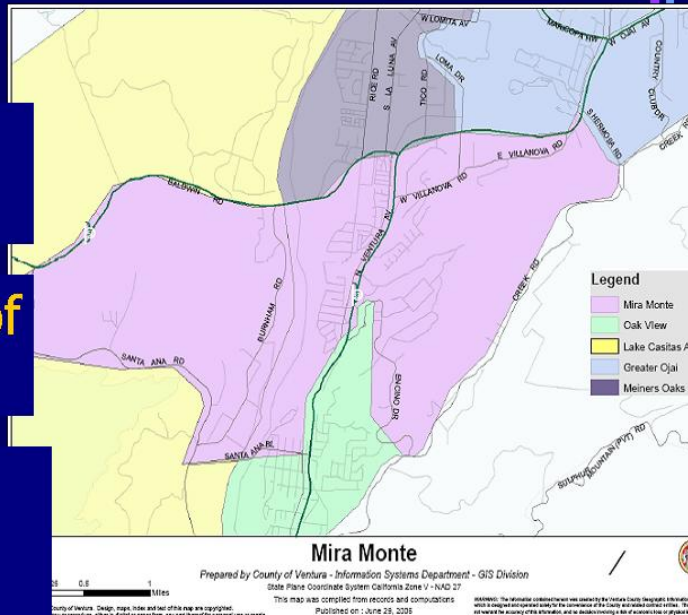
- ❖ 750 total acres
- ❖ Population of 4,294 people.
- ❖ Population density of .17 acres per person

Mira Monte

❖ 3,454 total acres

❖ Population of 6,376 people

❖ Population Density of .54 acres per person.

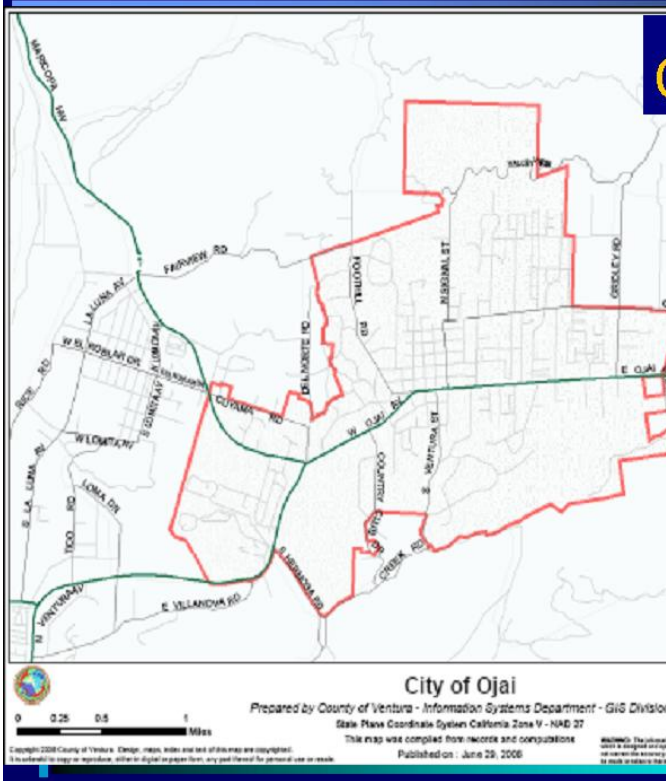


City of Ojai

❖ 2,794 total Acres

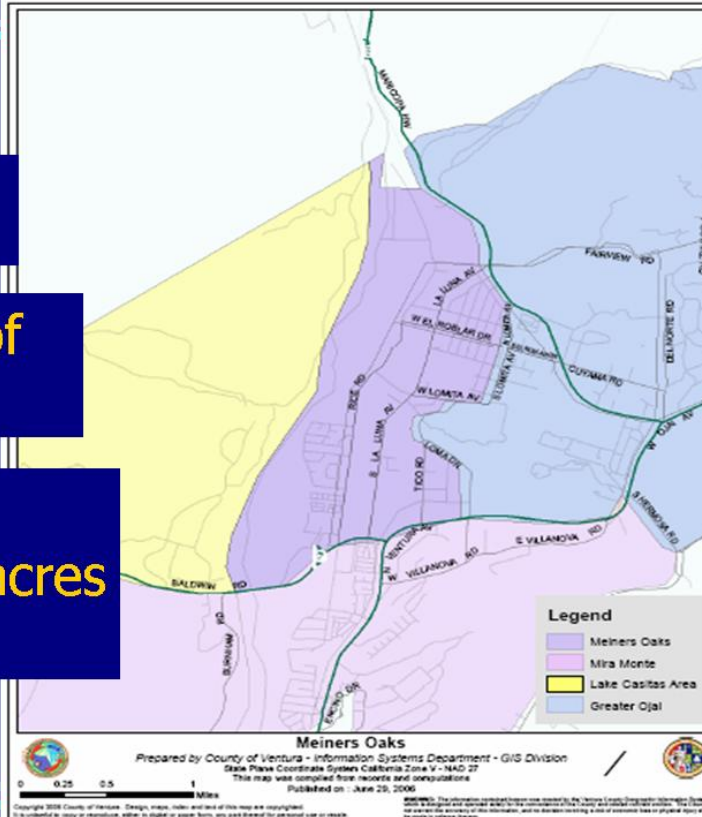
❖ Population of 7,487 People

❖ Population Density of .37 acres per person



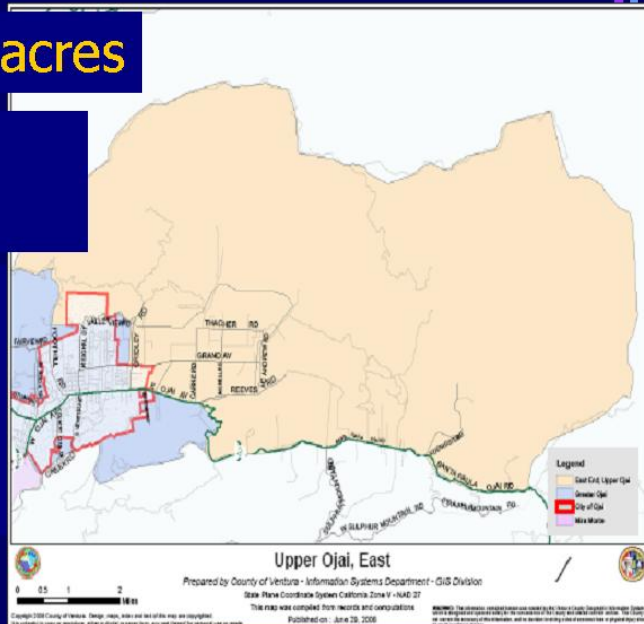
Meiners Oaks

- ❖ 1,100 total acres
- ❖ Population of 5,609 people
- ❖ Population Density of .2 acres per person

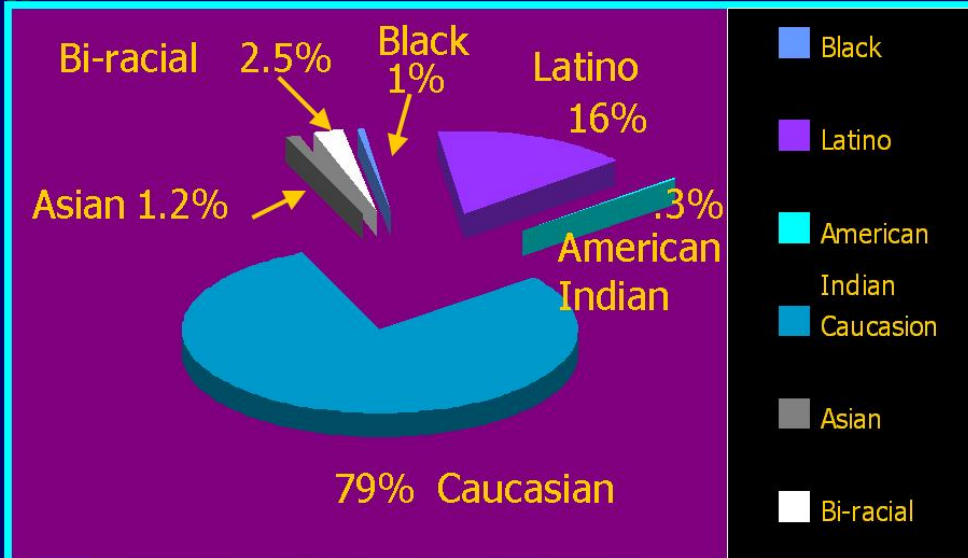


East End/ Upper Ojai

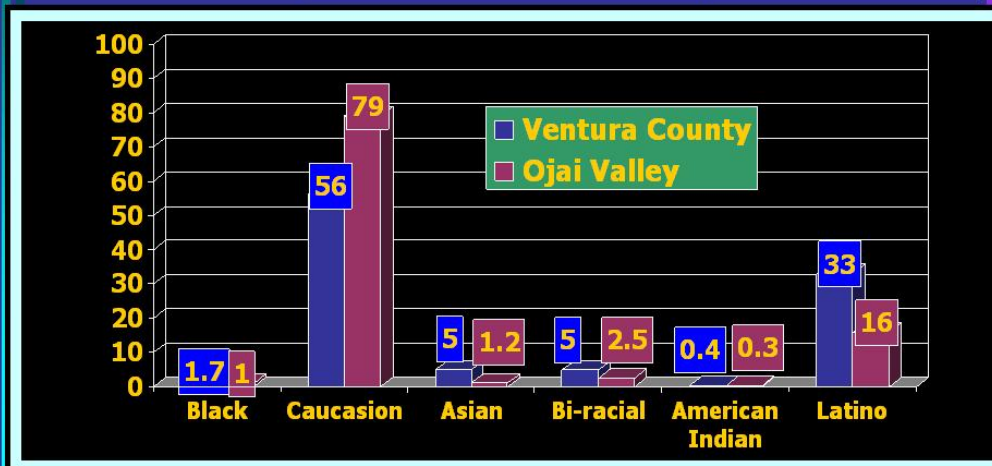
- ❖ 31,500 total acres
- ❖ Population of 2,461 people.
- ❖ Population density of 12.8 acres per person.



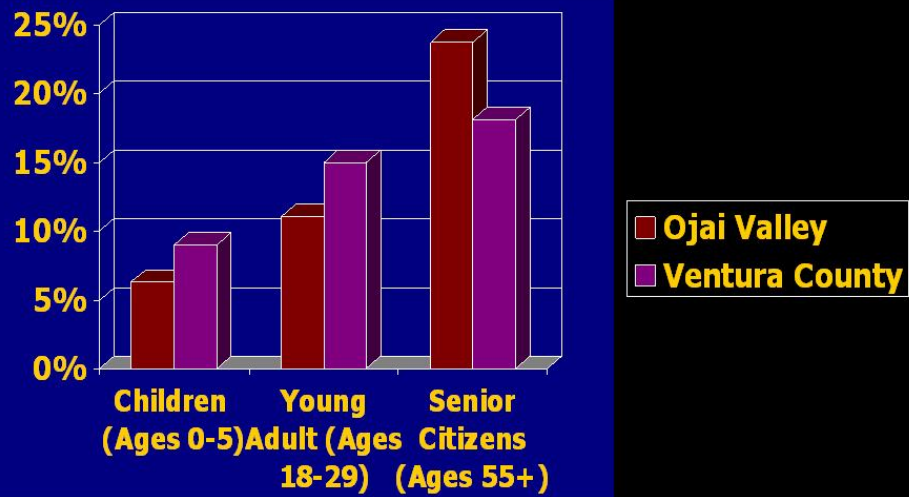
Ethnicity in the Ojai Valley



Ethnicity Statistics Ojai Valley vs. Ventura County



Age in the Ojai Valley



Latinos in the Ojai Unified School District

2000	22%
2005	28%

In Summary...

What information would
improve this data on
peoples and communities?

Agenda

- I. Welcome and introduction
- II. Goals of the meeting overall
- III. The peoples and communities of the Ojai Valley
- IV. Introduction of click pad technology and voting technique
- V. What links us together in the Ojai Valley?
- VI. Creation of 2 lists of issues at each table for submission
- Break
- VII. Group as a whole reviews the 2 lists created and ranks the list
- VIII. Brainstorm information that would be helpful to have about the top-ranked issues
- IX. Explanation of next steps between now and spring
- X. End of meeting - Wrap up items -Return evaluation forms, contact info forms, folders and name tags

Determining the Median

It is easy when there is an odd number at your table, it is simply the middle response.

Example Responses of:

2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 9, 9

Example with even numbers at
your table; responses of:

1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 6, 7, 7

1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 6, 7, 7

The median would be 2

Example

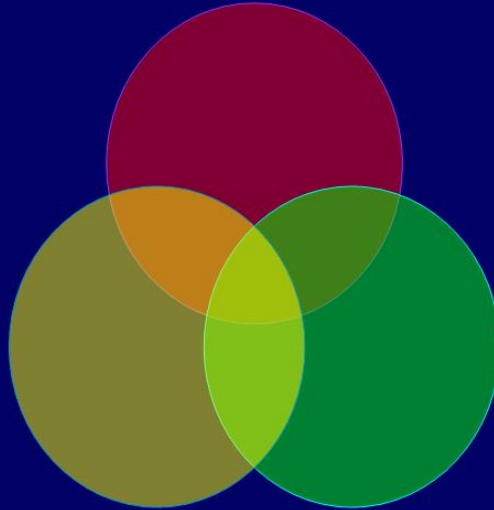
1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6

The median would be 4.5

Round up your group vote to 5

Select a person to serve as your
table tabulator.

What Links Us ALL Together?



As residents of the Ojai Valley we
are linked together:

Geographically

Socially

Economically

Through Government Entities

By Shared Values

Geographic Link



- A Single Unified Watershed
- Exclusively dependent on rainfall for watershed recharge

Geographic Link

- Virtually a single Air shed

Geographic Link



- Roads
- Four exits all with choke points

Geographic Link

- Spectacular natural environment

Social Link

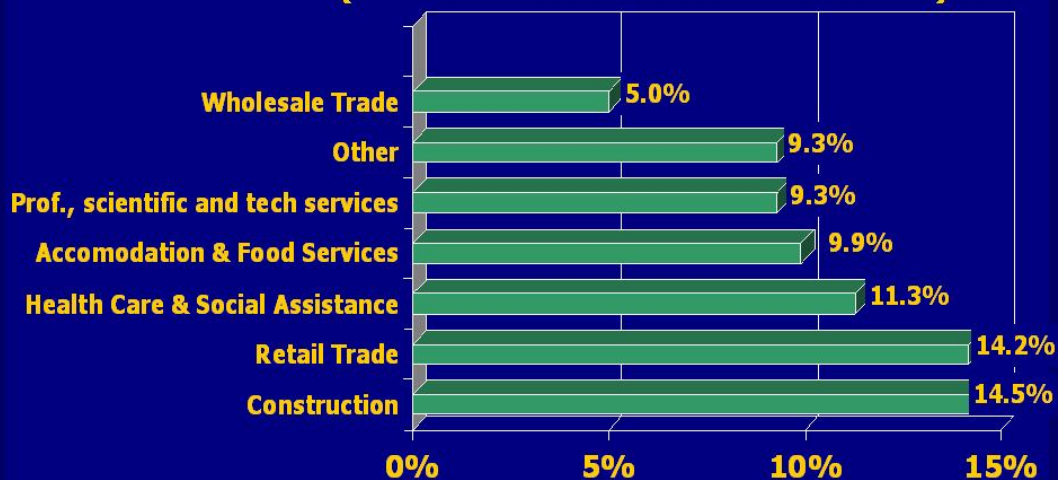
Valley-wide Organizations

- HELP of Ojai
- Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

Economic Link

Ojai Valley Industries

(690 total establishments)



Economic Link

- 40-50% of Ojai Valley commuters drive outside the valley—vs.—work in the valley.

Economic Link

- Major inflows of dollars
 - Government spending
 - Above average income people migrating to Ojai
 - Tourism dollars

Government Entities

The structural arrangement of government creates weaker links than average.

Government Entities

- City Population: 8,000
- Valley Population: 28,000

Government Entities

City has more developed municipal services than unincorporated area.

Government Entities

- Recreation programs primarily by city
- County Parks around the city

Government Entities

- Libraries—Joint power authority multiple cities and county.

Government Entities

- 2 different public unified school districts
- 14 different private schools

Government Entities

- 4 different water districts

Geographic Link

A fragile link that makes us
dependent on the actions of each
other.

Social Link

The Ojai Valley has above average links through social organizations, but geographically isolated areas pose some challenges.

Economic Link

As with most isolated areas, the valley is dependent on an inflow of dollars.

Political Link

Weaker than average link by comparison to most urban areas due to multiple government jurisdictions.

Shared Values Link

Common values that uniquely link most of the people in the Ojai Valley together.

Criteria for First List:

Issues that are important and likely solutions that appear very doable and will relatively quickly win broad support.

Criteria for Second List:

Issues that are important but likely solutions appear relatively challenging, and take more time to win broad support.

What should we spend our time
on?

In what order should we
investigate and discuss these
items?

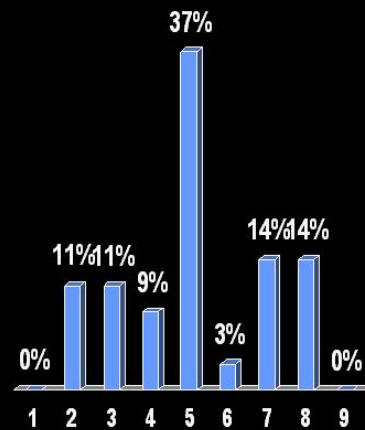
Issues List

More/better transit	
Emergency Preparedness/ Disaster Response	
Hospital emergency room	
Valley-wide communication	
Valley-wide plan for development/affordable housing	
Gangs Crime	
Sustainability/green building	
Traffic	
After school youth programs and facilities	

More/better transit

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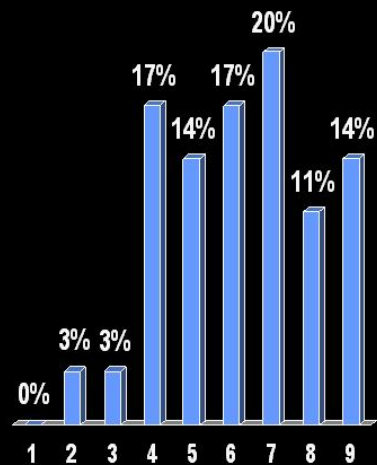
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Emergency Preparedness/ Disaster Response

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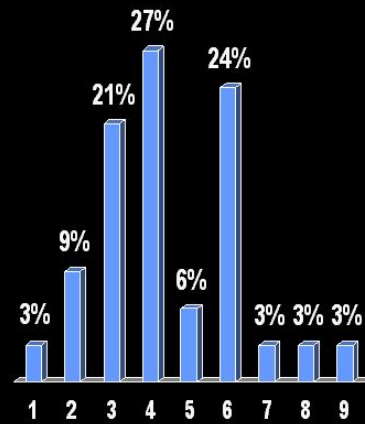
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Hospital emergency room

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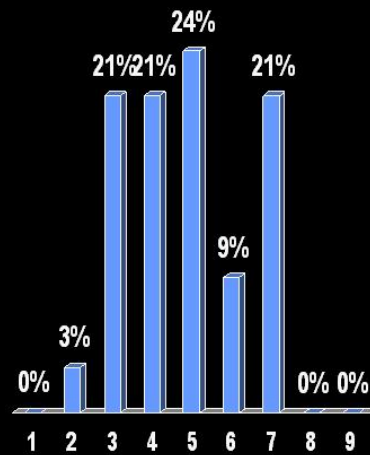
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Valley-wide communication

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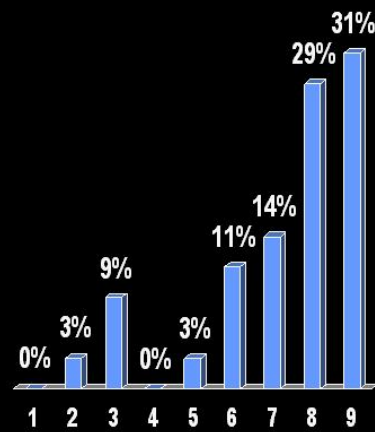
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Valley-wide Plan for development

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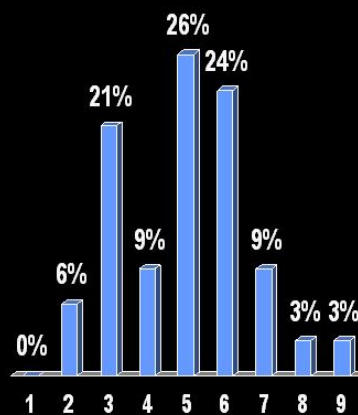
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Gangs Crime

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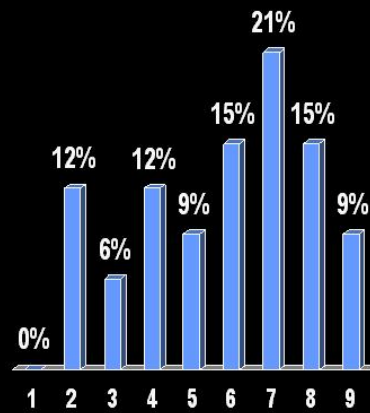
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Sustainability/green building

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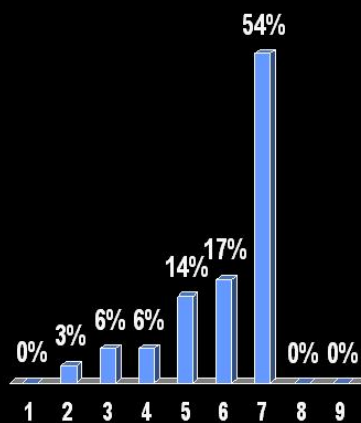
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Traffic

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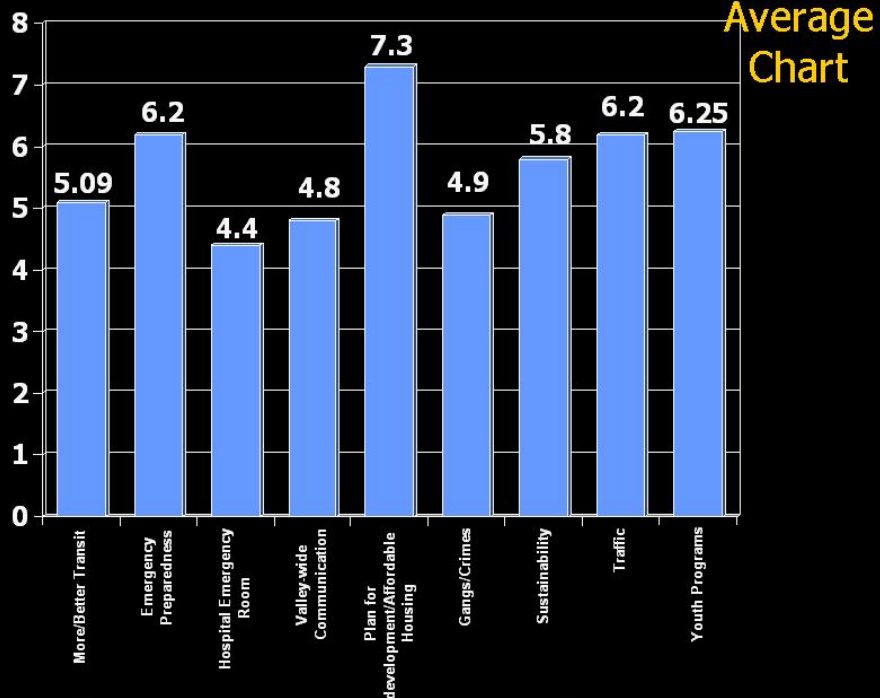
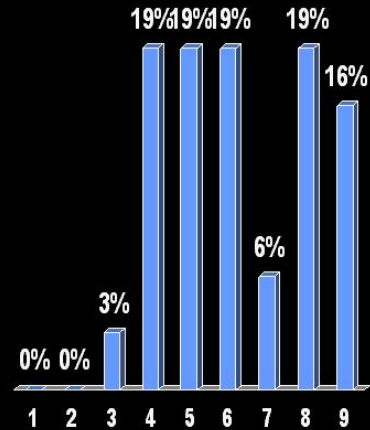
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After school youth programs and facilities

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Criteria prompt



We now want to gather input from you that will help us move forward at the next meeting.

For the issues that were moved to the top of the list please suggest.....

1. What questions need to be answered
2. Information to be obtained
3. Data needs
4. People or organizations we should consult
5. Examples we should study
6. Or other approaches to help the group better understand the issues and the possibilities for the future.

First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: November 12, 2006

Individual Issues

<u>Type</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
Easy	Improved coordination between Ojai City and County regarding recreation opportunities for all ages	Tucker	Adams
Easy	Public transportation of all kinds	Tucker	Adams
Easy	Clean up of debris, for sale vehicles and cluttered lots	Kim	Armstrong
Easy	Creating more activities and locations for kids	Kim	Armstrong
Easy	Extend Ojai valley-wide trolley	Brian	Aikens
Easy	Greater publicity for youth activities options	Brian	Aikens
Easy	Building moratorium on new residential construction	Robert	Auric
Easy	Stop 18 wheeler trucks on Hwy 33	Robert	Auric
Easy	Buses and trolleys that run later at night	Evan	Austin
Easy	Come up with creative legislation to restrict or discourage chain stores in city/valley	Evan	Austin
Easy	Approve budget that includes additional funding for code enforcement	Pat	Baggerly
Easy	Fund and complete Ojai Area Plan Programs	Russ	Baggerly
Easy	Create more recreational space in the valley	Tim	Baird
Easy	Develop an environmental plan (agencies, business, individuals) that will make the OV a model green community	Tim	Baird
Easy	"Hang out" spots for youth/facilities for youth	Hansel	Balayan
Easy	more community gathering events	Hansel	Balayan

Easy	Planning & Building and safety-code enforcement	Russ	Baggerly
Easy	Codes pertaining to housing ordinances	Susan	Barry
Easy	Loitering of day laborers	Susan	Barry
Easy	Work in conjunction with Santa Barbara County to create viable, express transit to SB	Christopher	Bates
Easy	Growth/ new homes, apt condos etc	Roberta	Battaglia
Easy	Valley-wide communication, unity and understanding	Carol	Belser
Easy	Maintain slow growth	Jeff	Bennett
Easy	Reduce light pollution	Jeff	Bennett
Easy	creating more jobs for local residents with adequate pay and benefits	Dick	Bernacchi
Easy	Minimize number of heavy vehicles (construction type) during peak hours	Dick	Bernacchi
Easy	Disaster Preparedness	Gayle D.	Bertsch
Easy	Commercial beautification (awards for best job)	Garret	Boehm
Easy	Community pride programs--community clean up	Garret	Boehm
Easy	Ojai Valley being a model for environmental sustainability	Caryn	Bosson
Easy	People in the Ojai Valley to make a commitment to supporting the youth	Caryn	Bosson
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	John	Broesamle
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Increase parcel tax for library and school	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Youth/ community/ performing arts center	Susan N.	Broidy

Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Green building standards	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	More frequent bus service	Brett	Buyan
Easy	Swimming Pool	Brett	Buyan
Easy	Coordinated valley-wide youth activities	Judy	Bysshe
Easy	Environmental education	Judy	Bysshe
Easy	Create a vigorous "Buy Local" ethic and campaign from Casitas Springs to Upper Ojai	Peter	Cantle
Easy	Create stronger community policing program-- biking/ walking patrols	Peter	Cantle
Easy	Recreational programs made available to children from low-income families	Fred	Bysshe
Easy	Regional land use planning	Fred	Bysshe
Easy	increased connection between highschool	Carol	Castanon
Easy	Supervision at skate park	Carol	Castanon
Easy	Communication system for valley-wide emergencies	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Easy	Valley-wide task groups	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Easy	Extend trolley service to Oak View	Melissa	Cherry
Easy	One Valley-wide school District	Melissa	Cherry
Easy	Public transportation to East End and Upper Ojai	Gayel	Childress
Easy	Traffic control	Gayel	Childress
Easy	In depth study to culminate effects of traffic	Joseph	Clark
Easy	Preservation of open space	Joseph	Clark
Easy	Reduce noise pollution from	Garrett	Clifford

	autos and motorcycles through town		
Easy	Consolidate water districts	Austin	Cline
Easy	Phase out pesticides/weed killers to treat roadsides	Christina	Colombo
Easy	Plant trees in Oak View along hwy 33	Jude	Conroy
Easy	Street repairs	Jude	Conroy
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Public aquatic center	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Diaster preparedness	Bob	Daddi
Easy	Redistrict schools-- No bussing	Bob	Daddi
Easy	Expose Community Development Plan to community	Elana Inkicks	Daley
Easy	Increase teen community involvement	Elana Inkicks	Daley
Easy	Expand youth activities and education opportunities	Mike	Daley
Easy	Form valley-wide recreation and Park District	Austin	Cline
Easy	Better/More public transportation	Christina	Colombo
Easy	Apperance of community	David	Des Laurier
Easy	Traffic mitigation	David	Des Laurier
Easy	Improve traffic flow during peak times	Don	Diaz
Easy	Attract more business-- which will generation more tax revenue	Eric	Dilks
Easy	Clean up entrance into valley-- Oak View/ Casitas Springs	Eric	Dilks
Easy	Street signs and streets marked more clearly. Painted.	Rita Norma	DiPaulo
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Brian	Donovan

Easy	Valley-wide development plan	Don	Diaz
Easy	Eliminate ugly sign at the corner of El Roblar and Maricopa Hwy	Rene F.	Diets
Easy	recreation facilities for low income families	Brian	Donovan
Easy	An enhanced companion program to keep seniors independent in their homes	Noel	Douglas
Easy	Engage youth in more civic projects	Noel	Douglas
Easy	Create better traffic flow within the valley	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Fix the roads	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Evacuation plan for the valley (fire, water, etc.)	Rick	Dowden
Easy	Affordable housing availability	Aimee L	Eccles
Easy	Regulate front and back set backs to new building	Aimee L	Eccles
Easy	Food supply assessment of valley for emergency preparedness	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
Easy	Make public youth activities free for all socio-economic groups	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
Easy	Identify areas of common interest	Roger	Essick
Easy	Improve valley-wide communication	Roger	Essick
Easy	Develop more programs focusing on the youth	Karen	Evenden
Easy	Encourage the traditional business of farming in the valley	Karen	Evenden
Easy	Create a valley-wide recreation district/program	Pat	Essick
Easy	Create a valley-wide sphere of influence	Pat	Essick
Easy	Valley-wide Event	Katie	Frazier

	scheduling/calendar (orgs, churches, schools, city etc)		
Easy	City schools and Park and start dialogue on teen center	Judy	Gabriel
Easy	Random undercover cops on trolley to prevent drug sales	Judy	Gabriel
Easy	Disaster plan- follow Santa Paula's Lead	Alice	Gardner
Easy	Visitor Center for valley in Casitas Springs	Alice	Gardner
Easy	Emergency room enlargement	Les	Gardner
Easy	Center for life-long learning.	Carol	Garramone
Easy	Clearer lines of communication when emergencies occur or potential emergencies	Carol	Garramone
Easy	Ojai slogan	Bob	Ghen
Easy	Small token projects to motivate community to show Ojai as a leader in California	Bob	Ghen
Easy	More recreation services and facilities for youth	Shelia	Ghen
Easy	West campus or little house	Les	Gardner
Easy	Support for seniors	Shelia	Ghen
Easy	Traffic flow modification, turn lanes	Gary	Girod
Easy	Valley-wide use of the Honor Farm Property including funding	Gary	Girod
Easy	Prune trees along all major roads and bike trails	Judith	Girod
Easy	Upgrade & repair of streets, curbs and sidewalks in all neighborhoods	Judith	Girod
Easy	Ordinance against loitering in square in Ojai and Meiners Oaks	Harold	Glenn
Easy	Program for providing "affordable housing"	Harold	Glenn

Easy	English language education for adult Hispanics	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Recreation for teens	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Coordinate and publish emergency response teams efforts	Christine	Golden
Easy	Deal with the current ill-will among city council and "fringe" elements	Christine	Golden
Easy	One water district	Diane	Goodrow
Easy	Valley-wide city	Diane	Goodrow
Easy	Excessive noise from motorcycles	Patrick	Gorey
Easy	Signage and banners--code enforcement	Patrick	Gorey
Easy	Affordable pre-school for all children	Ed	Guerena
Easy	Youth activities to engage all kids valley-wide	Ed	Guerena
Easy	Gathering place, activities	Leslie	Gutierrez
Easy	Improve soccer fields	Leslie	Gutierrez
Easy	Valley-wide disaster plan	Dale	Hanson
Easy	Youth center in Ojai	Dale	Hanson
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Marvin	Hanson
Easy	Encourage pedestrianism and biking especially between communities	Rae	Hanstad
Easy	Enhance natural environment: trees, etc-- a consistent plan	Rae	Hanstad
Easy	Broader governing body for valley	Helen	Harnett
Easy	One unified school district for entire Ojai Valley	Helen	Harnett
Easy	Cooperation between county and city -- parks issues	Claudia	Harris
Easy	Graffiti clean up and prevention	Wyatt	Harris
Easy	Environmental	Karen	Harrison

	education/perservation		
Easy	Exits out of the community during a disaster	Karen	Harrison
Easy	Valley-wide water district	Wyatt	Harris
Easy	Make sure all the students get rec. center info (valley-wide)	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
Easy	Provide bonuses or incentives to businesses that hire "Ojai people"	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
Easy	Commuter travel	Ruth	Heater
Easy	High school traffic jam and student curtesy	Ruth	Heater
Easy	Better nutrition for children in the schools (food for thought)	Keith	Helmkamp
Easy	Distributing unused fruit grown in the valley	Keith	Helmkamp
Easy	Free or Low cost recreational opportunities-- events are too expensive and scholarships are only open to City of Ojai residents	Joyce L.	Heath
Easy	More "apprentice type" work-- opportunities for our teenagers	Joyce L.	Heath
Easy	Connect all groups/agencies/orgranizations together	John	Herndon
Easy	More community events	John	Herndon
Easy	Better coordinated and more funding for youth programming	William	Hessell
Easy	Better valley-wide communication channels	William	Hessell
Easy	Improve present available transportation	Marcia	Hester
Easy	Provide more affordable housing	Marcia	Hester
Easy	More community events	David	Hill
Easy	Regular schedule for rapid transit posted/available	David	Hill

Easy	Access in/out valley (disaster preparedness)	RoseAnn	Hill
Easy	Traffic	RoseAnn	Hill
Easy	Empty lot across from Nordhoff, public space	Sharon	Hixson
Easy	Keep open spaces open	Sharon	Hixson
Easy	Establish more volunteer days for people to help with specific projects	Judy	Hohman
Easy	Extend trolley route to other communities (e.g Oak View)	Judy	Hohman
Easy	Gang vigilance	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Traffic and noise mitigation	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Conflict resolution groups to work with Ojai issues	Katherine	Hope
Easy	New laws, practices subject to environmental review	Katherine	Hope
Easy	Appreciate our community and natural environment	Sue	Horgan
Easy	Improving communication	Sue	Horgan
Easy	Community centers serving major valley neighborhoods/populations	David	Intner
Easy	Valley-wide disaster prep	James	Jackson
Easy	Valley-wide rec. district	James	Jackson
Easy	Preservation of open space	Susan	Jackson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster preparedness plan	Susan	Jackson
Easy	Complete Matilija Dam Removal by 2012	Paul	Jenkin
Easy	Develop local alternative fuel supply and distribution	Paul	Jenkin
Easy	Valley-wide Parks District	Sage	Intner
Easy	Increase availability of youth services and programs	George	Jensen
Easy	Water districts-- consolidated dialogue among agencies	Ray	Johnson

Easy	Disaster preparation to involve each community. Bilingual packets to all homes	Caroline	Jones
Easy	Housing--affordable young marrieds with children	Ray	Johnson
Easy	Bring groups together for better communication	Richard	Jones
Easy	Disaster plan for whole valley	Richard	Jones
Easy	A community center open daily and evenings in town	Sarra	Jubinville
Easy	Cleaning up some of the streets in the Ojai Valley	Miranda	Kapin
Easy	More youth activities	Miranda	Kapin
Easy	Save lower and medium income housing	Sarra	Jubinville
Easy	Form regional coalition for long term on going work on mutual problems	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Regional solar project	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Get Ojai and outlying communities to communicate	Leanna	Kennedy
Easy	Set a valley-wide Disaster organization	Leanna	Kennedy
Easy	More youth activities weekend and after school	Sheldon	Khougaz
Easy	public pool/ gym	Sheldon	Khougaz
Easy	Traffic congestion relief	Ray	King
Easy	Develop meaningful connection between ethnic groups	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Easy	Develop meaningful connection between seniors and youth	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Easy	Gang ID and control	Alex	Laine
Easy	Opportunities for youth, parks, rec activities	Alex	Laine
Easy	Bring trolley down through Oak View and Casitas Springs	Terri	Laine

Easy	Greenery through Oak View to beautify entrance to valley	Terri	Laine
Easy	Address dangerous pedestrian crossings	Jon	Lambert
Easy	keeping water available and air clean	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Supporting agriculture	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Bring together disparate community groups	Jon	Lambert
Easy	Money for community teen centers	Janel	Lavoie
Easy	Trolley from Ojai to Oak View	Janel	Lavoie
Easy	Decline the lack of bus in the valley	David	Lawrence
Easy	Ojai Valley consolidated event calendar	David	Lawrence
Easy	Reduce air pollution	Dennis	Leary
Easy	Reduce traffic	Dennis	Leary
Easy	Lack of affordable housing	Mark	Lee
Easy	traffic management	Mark	Lee
Easy	Help of Ojai for Kids	John	Long
Easy	Incentives to reduce traffic in the valley	Marleen	Luckman
Easy	More bike lanes	Marleen	Luckman
Easy	Target use buses-- such as gov. center etc	John	Long
Easy	Enforcement of existing codes, laws and rules regarding housing loitering and building	Sharon	Madonna
Easy	Gang Graffiti removal crew	Sharon	Madonna
Easy	Meetings to allow community wide networking-communication	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Easy	Valley directory-- increase communication	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Easy	Coordination of city, county and schools in recreation and	Barbara	Mc Dougle

	obtaining funds for increasing and improving facilities		
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Barbara	Mc Dougle
Easy	A notebook for victims of calamities with flood	Randi	McAfee
Easy	A youth center	Nancy	Main
Easy	Funding for loss of homes and personal items	Randi	McAfee
Easy	No burn permit, chipping instead-- for air quality in the Ojai Valley	Sean	McAfee
Easy	Removal of graffiti (lookout points on Dennison Grade)	Sean	McAfee
Easy	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings and monuments (mail marked ojai not oxnard)	Betty	McAllister
Easy	The enforcing of county and city ordinances	Betty	McAllister
Easy	Valley-wide evacuation plan	Wally	McCall
Easy	Emergency Liason for the more isolated and seniors living in a home	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
Easy	More affordable recreation and after school activities for youth	Wally	McCall
Easy	Valley-wide education about what individuals can do at home to preserve the environment	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
Easy	Disaster Plan	Paul	McConnaughey
Easy	Valley communications	Paul	McConnaughey
Easy	Develop broader volunteer base across age groups to help all community groups	Debbie	McConnell
Easy	Link together agencies, volunteers, non-profits to develop a comprehensive disaster response plan	Debbie	McConnell
Easy	Crime-graffiti	Todd	McGinley
Easy	County response time back to	Ann	McLaughlin

	citizens on general questions		
Easy	Convert Meiners Oaks school ball fields to girl league specifications	Dan	McLaughlin
Easy	Create a more user friendly quick response team for quick public information	Dan	McLaughlin
Easy	Traffic flow	Todd	McGinley
Easy	After school programming for Oak View kids returning from Ventura	Lisa	Meeker
Easy	Add left turn markings south bound at Nye Rd. on 33	Robert	Mell
Easy	Add stop light in Casitas Springs on 33	Robert	Mell
Easy	Soccer Field in Oak View	Adrian	Mendez
Easy	Trolley to go all the way to Oak View	Adrian	Mendez
Easy	Have the trolley route come out to Oak View	Alyssa	Miller
Easy	Valley-wide disaster planning	Lisa	Meeker
Easy	More soccer fields	Alyssa	Miller
Easy	Develop cultural arts center	Steven	Mitchell
Easy	Develop public transportation in and out of the valley	Steven	Mitchell
Easy	Insensitive for people who work here concerning housing	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Redo and repave roads	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Expand bicycle lanes	Don	Moore
Easy	Push for development of empty commercial property	Don	Moore
Easy	Affordable housing for young households	Natalia	Moore
Easy	Problems during the winter rains in the Arnaz Grade area--need to fence the mountain with steel netting	Natalia	Moore
Easy	Ojai Valley growth control	Cindy	Murphree

Easy	Water rights	Cindy	Murphree
Easy	Access to county social service locally	Jessica	Murray
Easy	Affordable housing	Jessica	Murray
Easy	More police surveillance of Meiners Oaks	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Easy	Planning for a "doable" Bypass	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Easy	Hwy 33 and 150 Valley wide tree master plan	Kathy	Nolan
Easy	Youth connection-- continued and expanded support for valley-wide sports, youth organizations, OVYF	Kathy	Nolan
Easy	Consolidate transportation yards- city, SCAT, school	Steve	Olsen
Easy	Have a valley-wide affordable housing plan	Steve	Olsen
Easy	Make the Ojai trolley go down to Oak View	Lupita	Ortiz
Easy	Diaster Action Plan	Jon	Parisen
Easy	Need a traffic light at 33 and Hermosa Rd.	Jon	Parisen
Easy	Community-wide crime prevention, including ecological concerns	Maria	Parisen
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Maria	Parisen
Easy	Graffiti	Sylvia	Park
Easy	Improving traffic flow (Infrastructure)	Wayne	Pendrey
Easy	Develop architectural standards for 33 corridor	Jim	Perkins
Easy	Develop audio level standards	Jim	Perkins
Easy	Light pollution	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Easy	Noise abatement-- too much noise generated	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Easy	Open up the lake (body contact) for increased revenue	Wayne	Pendrey

Easy	Increase econ. Tax	Barbara	Pops
Easy	Modernize or build a new hospital	Barbara	Pops
Easy	Better access to speciality medical care-- eg recruit a surgeon	Martin	Pops
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Martin	Pops
Easy	Define a no chain/franchise business area-- more support for local business	Paula	Power
Easy	Green materials required for building	Paula	Power
Easy	Center for teen entertainment; bowling-video arcade	Javier	Ramirez
Easy	How to curb juvenile delinquency	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	The youth of Ojai	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	Beautify corridors into the valley	Ernest	Rischar
Easy	Create and/or convert county parks into valley parks	Holly	Roberts
Easy	Create/adjust specific building codes to encourage smart growth or live/work situations	Holly	Roberts
Easy	Control growth	Roy	Rodriguez
Easy	Improve public transportation	Roy	Rodriguez
Easy	Repave Cuyama and other bad streets	Gerry	Roe
Easy	Replace bleachers at Libbey Park	Gerry	Roe
Easy	Disaster/Preparedness evacuation plan	Nancy	Roelle
Easy	Investigation as to the possible chemical dangers we are being exposed to through the aerosol spraying occuring in the skies of Ojai as evidenced by chemtrails	Nancy	Roelle
Easy	Affordable housing for young	Dawn	Rosalind

	families		
Easy	More activities and diversity for youth	Dawn	Rosalind
Easy	Extend Ojai trolley route to Oak View	Shelly	Rhoades
Easy	More funding for youth programs	Shelly	Rhoades
Easy	Use the old low sec. Prison grounds for Ojai Valley recreation for all ages ie pools and gyms	Kate	Russell
Easy	Youth activities programming and facilities	Kate	Russell
Easy	Better traffic control	Peggy	Russell
Easy	More lighted crosswalks	Peggy	Russell
Easy	Lack of a center for intellectual activity for adults--branch of a college, promote study	Alan	Saltzman
Easy	Restrict stone quarry trucks on maricopa hwy	Alan	Saltzman
Easy	Improve transit-- including sidewalks and bicycles	Carol	Saltzman
Easy	Structure for cross-valley dialogue on specifications	Carol	Saltzman
Easy	Consolidation of valley support agencies	Kenneth	Sandgren
Easy	Hillside netting at crucial junctions	Kenneth	Sandgren
Easy	Disaster prep.	Adele	Schmalenberger
Easy	Create more for youth, places to hang out, things to do	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Limit housing	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Public transport hours increased	Adele	Schmalenberger
Easy	Emergency preparedness plan--food/energy/water security	Karen	Schmidt
Easy	Faster road repairs	Louise	Shaffer

Easy	Improved youth activities areas	Louise	Shaffer
Easy	Generate affordable housing	Philip S.	Sherman
Easy	Valley-wide park and rec district	Karen	Schmidt
Easy	Traffic-- improved access to valley	Philip S.	Sherman
Easy	Enlarge Ojai Library	Carol	Smith
Easy	Public swimming pool year around open to everyone	Carol	Smith
Easy	Plan between city/ parks/ schools expand recreation fields for valley use.	Jack	Smith
Easy	Prevent flooding	Jack	Smith
Easy	Clean up curb side along major commerce streets	Vera	Smith
Easy	Provide better street lighting in all the urban settings	Vera	Smith
Easy	Affordable Housing for people working in the valley	Dian	Spence
Easy	Really support local business	Dian	Spence
Easy	Make Ojai valley a "dark sky" valley or city	Jane	Spiller
Easy	Noise problems-- reduce noise and dust	Jane	Spiller
Easy	Hoping that our efforts will grow successfully	Chilant	Sprague
Easy	Affordable housing in a more cohesive way	Kale	Starbird
Easy	Sustainability and environment	Kale	Starbird
Easy	Recreation	Angela	Stevens
Easy	Sidewalks on Loma	Hali	Stetta
Easy	Traffic flow (at school)	Hali	Stetta
Easy	Improve police response time in Oak View & Casitas Springs	Theresa	Stevens
Easy	Improve public infrastructure	Theresa	Stevens
Easy	Achieve better communication between city of Ojai and county	Maria	Studer

	gov.		
Easy	Form diaster communication taskforce	Tyler	Suchman
Easy	Reinstate visitors bureau funding by tying it to TOT	Tyler	Suchman
Easy	Continue to limit development	Cynthia	Temple
Easy	Increase use of sustainable technology	Cynthia	Temple
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities (parks, trails, hiking, equestrian)	Carl	Thelander
Easy	Preserve remaining open space	Carl	Thelander
Easy	Additional youth and community sports facilities	Lyn	Thomas
Easy	Functioning valley-wide disaster preparedness task force	Lyn	Thomas
Easy	One traffic light in Casitas Springs for local people to get out on road	Donna	Turner
Easy	Plan to fill the pot holes more quickly	Bob	Unruhe
Easy	Low cost housing services	Donna	Turner
Easy	more attention paid to the disabled children as well as the senior citizens in homes	Maria Raqud	Uribe
Easy	Pedestrian amenities-- sidewalks, starting @schools)	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Utilities-- better quality, less dangerous, aesthetics	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Increase input on city decision with valley-wide effects	Chloe	Walker
Easy	Coordinated governmental organizations-- Planning, water, resources, environmental, rec	A. Michael	Weaver
Easy	Emergency Disaster Planning- single communication source	A. Michael	Weaver

Easy	Easy traffic solutions-- lights, enforcement, HS students auto restriction	Susan	Weaver
Easy	Emergency preparedness and public information system	Susan	Weaver
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities for teens	Susan	Westbrook
Easy	Support diversity of people and thought	Susan	Westbrook
Easy	Coordination of development decision making valley-wide	Andrew	Whitman
Easy	Quality of emergency medicine/technology	Andrew	Whitman
Easy	Improved, more convenient public transit	Heidi	Whitman
Easy	Valley-wide park and recreation district	Heidi	Whitman
Easy	Disaster preperation, access to local radio communication	Joyce M.	McWilliams
Easy	Redistrict voting to include the whole valley	Joyce M.	McWilliams
Easy	Cert training valley-wide within the valley	Kenneth	Williams
Easy	More recreation valley-wide	Kenneth	Williams
Easy	Set an organization in place to facilitate this consensus discussion	Todd	Wilson
Easy	Not allowing annexation of the valley by the city of Ojai	Nathaniel	Wolper
Easy	Restriction of franchise businesses coming into Ojai	Nathaniel	Wolper
Easy	Expanded transit system for entire valley	Charles	Wood
Easy	Low income housing	Charles	Wood
Easy	Better recycling program-- more bins in schools and around the valley	Joslyn	Wood
Easy	Something for youth to do in Ojai-- ie a roller-blading rink,	Joslyn	Wood

	bowling alley		
Easy	Intergenerational center for youth activities and community events	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Easy	More whole valley dialogues and coordinate community groups	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Easy	Facilities for youth especially high school	Carol	Zamora
Easy	Disaster Preparedness	Gilbert	Zamora
Easy	Create a master calendar of cultural and civic events easily accessible to all	Bobbie	Boschan
Easy	Preserve the natural aspects of the valley while developing	Julia	Bosson
Easy	Allow for greater in-fill in city proper	Barbara	Bowman
Easy	Maintain open space	Barbara	Bowman
Easy	Encourage interaction between different groups in the valley	Dave	Farber
Easy	Free venues eg Libbey Bowl for community activities	Dave	Farber
Easy	Plans for at-risk children (programs, tutors)	Michelle	Fitton
Easy	Maintain Heritage Oaks	Dr. Bill	Fox
Easy	Maintenance of horse trails, fences	Dr. Bill	Fox
Easy	Activities/ Place for teenagers after school/ evening	Michelle	Fitton
Easy	Improved public transportations, especially to commute outside valley	Kenley	Neufeld
Easy	road maintenance	Kenley	Neufeld
Easy	Cap building expansion in Valley -- No big box	Gail	Topping
Easy	Reducing gang growth-- greater involvement in community	Gene	Volkerding

Easy	Transparency in government/ how decisions are made	Gene	Volkerding
Easy	Increase police presence/funding	Kevin	Wynn
Easy	Protect light, air, water-- no pollution	Gail	Topping
Easy	Tagging and Gang Insignia clean-up	Kathy	Zotnowski- Nemy
Easy	Local places for kids to hang out	Jordan	Garst
Easy	Build low income cottages or very nice condos	Sasha	Letterman
Easy	Keep low income housing on Mallory Way	Sasha	Letterman
Easy	Improve public transportation in and out of Ojai Valley	David	Magney
Easy	Maintain/improve natural environment-- urban forest	David	Magney
Easy	Adds signs to encourage usability of bike path	McKinley	Barnes
Easy	Increase public transportation to get out of town	McKinley	Barnes
Easy	Limit number of hours of operation by trucks on hwy 33 from rock quarries north of Ojai	Gary	King
Easy	Noisy motorcycles on hwy 33 in Meiners Oaks	Gary	King
Easy	Review with local decision makers	Pete	Lafollette
Easy	There appears to be a racial and social economic seperation in the communities- - we need to strengthen the valley regardless of race or economy	Phil	Nemy
Easy	We need to reduce the housing costs in the valley	Phil	Nemy
Easy	Consolidate water districts into 2 districts	Bob	Roe

Easy	Expand parking in downtown Ojai	Bob	Roe
Easy	More local jobs: teaching drug detox center at Ana's farm	Apolonia	Paulusse
Easy	Performance of community values	Pete	Lafollette
Easy	Transparency in governments, green governments	Apolonia	Paulusse
Easy	Local residents can ride school buses-- set up specific stops to pick up and drop off	Linda	Taylor
Easy	Website for carpooling to VTA college, oxnard, SB etc.	Linda	Taylor
Easy	Skatepark rennovation and establishment	James	Lashly
Easy	Upgrade of public transportation	James	Lashly
Easy	Flood control repair-- Thacher and San Antonio Creek	Michael	Chambliss
Easy	Improving communication	Robert	Rail
Easy	Perception that individuals are not listened to by elected officials and administrative officials	Robert	Rail
Easy	Road Repair-- East End	Michael	Chambliss
Easy	Community garden, trolley come down to Oak View	Marilyn	Bodo
Easy	Youth Activities in Oak View, Casitas Springs	Marilyn	Bodo
Easy	Pave the streets	Susan	Williamson
Easy	Energy resource and technology presentation and dialogue	Glenn	Emanuel
Easy	Low income housing needed- Save mallory way cottage	Susan	Williamson
Easy	Valley-wide communication network- website, TV, Radio	Glenn	Emanuel
Easy	Central information database	Bret	Bradigan

Easy	Disaster plan-- valley-wide	Bret	Bradigan
Easy	Consider the possibility of a valley-wide entity to identify areas of concern to everyone	Lea	Harvey
Easy	Better cooperation between govt entities	Magnus	Studer
Easy	Overdevelopment with limited airwater resources	Magnus	Studer
Easy	EBS-- Valleywide broadcast station for emergency info on traveler's information channel	Lisa	Brenneis
Hard	Housing/ jobs housing balance	Lisa	Brenneis
Hard	Traffic/rapid transit	Lisa	Brenneis
Hard	Valley-wide city	Magnus	Studer
Hard	Develop a more comprehensive entry /exit route. Plan for disaster situations	Lea	Harvey
Hard	Develop a broader valley-wide identity that might lead to a more powerful entity	Tucker	Adams
Hard	Affordable Housing	Bret	Bradigan
Hard	Annexation of valley into one political entity	Bret	Bradigan
Hard	More and better health care for everyone	Susan	Williamson
Hard	Future vision- research world wide solutions by similar communities	Glenn	Emanuel
Hard	Science and technology center	Glenn	Emanuel
Hard	Alleviate traffic congestion between Ojai and Ventura	Susan	Williamson
Hard	Sewage system for East End	Michael	Chambliss
Hard	Valley-wide city	Robert	Rail
Hard	Affordable real estate for families that are raised here.	Marilyn	Bodo
Hard	Funding of Water Co. infrastructure improvement	Michael	Chambliss

Hard	More direct accountability for unincorporated areas	James	Lashly
Hard	Racial intersection-- support, within schools	James	Lashly
Hard	Teen center with a variety of activities for teens only-- movies, games, art, drama, dance	Linda	Taylor
Hard	Encourage in-town bike riding/walking	Linda	Taylor
Hard	Perseve and protect natural resources	Pete	Lafollette
Hard	Sustainability: solar/local jobs/ local farms	Apolonia	Paulusse
Hard	We need a quality hospital in the Ojai Valley	Phil	Nemy
Hard	We need to bring more families to the valley	Phil	Nemy
Hard	Base of valley	Pete	Lafollette
Hard	Set minimum wage at a living wage, \$12 per hour	McKinley	Barnes
Hard	Increase low-income housing	McKinley	Barnes
Hard	Reduce improvise surfaces	David	Magney
Hard	More big planes for fires	Sasha	Letterman
Hard	Plan in place for food for earthquakes and emergencies	Sasha	Letterman
Hard	Improve conditions of wetland	David	Magney
Hard	Movie theater rennovation	Jordan	Garst
Hard	Community swimming pool	Gene	Volkerding
Hard	Engaging non-contributors in the community	Gene	Volkerding
Hard	Manage growth to responsibly preserve the uniqueness of Ojai while addressing the needs of population growth/affordable housing	Kevin	Wynn
Hard	Provide housing assistance to keep/bring families to Ojai	Kevin	Wynn

Hard	Chain stores coming into the valley (discourage this)	Kathy	Zotnowski-Nemy
Hard	Property blight clean-up (residential and commercial)	Kathy	Zotnowski-Nemy
Hard	Disaster prep	Gail	Topping
Hard	Limit water permits for 50 yrs as building prevention	Gail	Topping
Hard	Incorporate more county into Ojai City (esp. East End)	Kenley	Neufeld
Hard	Maintain open space	Kenley	Neufeld
Hard	Encourage open space and land conservancy acquisitions	Michelle	Fitton
Hard	growth control	Michelle	Fitton
Hard	Road improvements valley-wide-- pavement is terrible	Dr. Bill	Fox
Hard	Local currency	Dave	Farber
Hard	Self sufficiency	Dave	Farber
Hard	Traffic-- need to have 2 lanes into valley	Barbara	Bowman
Hard	Create an alternate energy filling station for electric cars etc. run by city to promote good air quality	Barbara	Bowman
Hard	Preserving the integrity of the valley-- I.e. no chains	Julia	Bosson
Hard	Low income housing-- diversify the valley and allow for more families with young children to have access to the valley	Julia	Bosson
Hard	Sports & Recreation Center for youths	Gilbert	Zamora
Hard	City of Ojai will be more dilligent about controlling overbuilding not securing immediate needs.	Bobbie	Boschan
Hard	City of Ojai will require removal of condemned buildings in no more than one year because of potential crime	Bobbie	Boschan

Hard	Routes in and out of Ojai in emergencies & Disasters	Carol	Zamora
Hard	Transportation	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Hard	Affordable Housing	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Hard	Green buildings	Joslyn	Wood
Hard	More efficient transportation-- encourage more people to ride bikes, use public transportation	Joslyn	Wood
Hard	One unified school district	Charles	Wood
Hard	Support of maintaining low income housing	Nathaniel	Wolper
Hard	Affordable housing	Nathaniel	Wolper
Hard	Affordability for young and old to remain in the valley	Todd	Wilson
Hard	Create a joint venture park district/ city, county, schools	Kenneth	Williams
Hard	Create a valley-wide AM radio transmitter for traffic and emergencies	Kenneth	Williams
Hard	Traffic control	Joyce M.	McWilliams
Hard	Affordable housing	Joyce M.	McWilliams
Hard	Valley-wide city for denser populated area	Heidi	Whitman
Hard	Traffic relief	Andrew	Whitman
Hard	Understanding capacity of valley to grow, given H2O, Air Quality and traffic	Andrew	Whitman
Hard	Better quality, quantifiable, uniform, reasonably priced water availability	Heidi	Whitman
Hard	Extend Ojai sewer system to my street if possible	Thomas	Wetherall
Hard	Single water district	Thomas	Wetherall
Hard	Increase parks in valley (outside city)	Susan	Westbrook
Hard	Improve air quality	Susan	Westbrook

Hard	Economic development, jobs-housing balance- sustainability	Susan	Weaver
Hard	Sustainable growth Plan-- Master plan for the Ojai Valley	A. Michael	Weaver
Hard	Affordable housing solutions for all segments of population	Susan	Weaver
Hard	Economic Opportunities for young adults	A. Michael	Weaver
Hard	Take steps to decrease housing costs in order to increase diversity	Chloe	Walker
Hard	Find an equilibrium in age difference within valley	Chloe	Walker
Hard	Community-wide broadband	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Hard	Disaster preparedness	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Hard	Noise control -- motorcycles, trucks	Donna	Turner
Hard	Plan to involve latinos	Bob	Unruhe
Hard	Traffic	Bob	Unruhe
Hard	end to discrimination towards humble people that don't speak English very well	Maria Raquid	Uribe
Hard	Traffic-- while preserving people's ability to live their lives	Lyn	Thomas
Hard	Affordable housing for families	Ron	Triggs
Hard	Traffic	Ron	Triggs
Hard	Better method of getting students to and from school-- more buses	Donna	Turner
Hard	City/valley dynamics	Lyn	Thomas
Hard	Reduce traffic	Carl	Thelander
Hard	Annex East End, Arbolada, Meiners Oaks into the city (create a broader base for elections)	Carl	Thelander

Hard	Increase local employment opportunities	Cynthia	Temple
Hard	A comprehensive emergency response plan	Cynthia	Temple
Hard	Legislation encouraging green, sustainable and environmentally conscious business	Tyler	Suchman
Hard	Achieve enforcement of ordinances in city of Ojai and County of Ventura	Maria	Studer
Hard	Keep plans, master plans, gov. mission statements ie flood control	Maria	Studer
Hard	Affordable housing legislation	Tyler	Suchman
Hard	More economic development in Oak View	Theresa	Stevens
Hard	Youth Program	Hali	Stetta
Hard	School district	Angela	Stevens
Hard	Unincorporated to be incorporated	Angela	Stevens
Hard	Farmland/ Ag perservation	Theresa	Stevens
Hard	Ultimate population growth solutions	Kale	Starbird
Hard	More "Exit Roads" out of the valley	Hali	Stetta
Hard	Create a valley-wide city	Kale	Starbird
Hard	Hospital needs	Chilant	Sprague
Hard	Voting needs	Chilant	Sprague
Hard	Traffic calming with improved transit	Jane	Spiller
Hard	Traffic on Hwy 33	Dian	Spence
Hard	Affordable housing	Jane	Spiller
Hard	Develop one water district, one school district, and one supervisory board for the entire valley	Vera	Smith
Hard	Find ways to promote new	Vera	Smith

	businesses to occupy the empty buildings		
Hard	Reduce single auto trips in AM & PM	Carol	Smith
Hard	Entire valley under same school district	Jack	Smith
Hard	Hwy 33-- Improved traffic flow	Jack	Smith
Hard	Valley-wide city	Philip S.	Sherman
Hard	Affordable housing	Louise	Shaffer
Hard	Develop common language	Louise	Shaffer
Hard	Preservation of agriculture	Philip S.	Sherman
Hard	Reduce/eliminate fossil fuel use	Karen	Schmidt
Hard	Relocalization: making valley more independent	Adele	Schmalenberger
Hard	Manage types of businesses ie more diverse less chain	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Hard	Preserve agriculture	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Hard	Affordable Housing to retain/attract families w/ children	Karen	Schmidt
Hard	Protecting resources: water, trees, youth	Adele	Schmalenberger
Hard	Valley-wide Disaster preparedness plan for fire, flooding etc.	Kenneth	Sandgren
Hard	Casitas Springs bypass route	Kenneth	Sandgren
Hard	Limitation on further development in the valley	Carol	Saltzman
Hard	Expand affordable housing	Carol	Saltzman
Hard	More lanes on road between Ojai and Ventura	Alan	Saltzman
Hard	Insuff jobs and business activity in ojai	Alan	Saltzman
Hard	More communication on disaster/exit plans	Peggy	Russell
Hard	Affordable housing to attract	Peggy	Russell

	doctors, education, etc.		
Hard	More police support	Shelly	Rhoades
Hard	Valley-wide emergency plan	Dawn	Rosalind
Hard	Community-wide awareness support for the OVYF	Kate	Russell
Hard	Community-wide environmental awareness	Kate	Russell
Hard	growth and traffic control	Dawn	Rosalind
Hard	Traffic situation	Gerry	Roe
Hard	Develop Living History sites focusing on local native American history/mission life.	Nancy	Roelle
Hard	Development of a program for youth rowing activities at Lake Casitas, supported by parks/rec, city, schools	Nancy	Roelle
Hard	Low cost housing	Roy	Rodriguez
Hard	Racial Tolerance	Roy	Rodriguez
Hard	Preserve open space-- open accessibility (valley-wide) to nat'l forest.	Holly	Roberts
Hard	Traffic mitigation-- consider other options to traffic lights such as roundabouts	Holly	Roberts
Hard	Restrict zones within valley in population	Ernest	Rischar
Hard	Unite social efforts and identity--everyone in the valley owns valley activities	Ernest	Rischar
Hard	Sidewalk from Wendy's to circle K	Javier	Ramirez
Hard	Disaster Preparedness plan	Shelly	Rhoades
Hard	more extensive hikes, bike trails into communities	Paula	Power
Hard	Protect the environment	Martin	Pops
Hard	Build in commercial zones only when needed/ control growth	Paula	Power
Hard	Affordable housing	Martin	Pops

Hard	Decrease 33 traffic congestion	Jim	Perkins
Hard	Traffic-- too many cars per household-- tax excess vehicles by size	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Hard	Affordable housing	Barbara	Pops
Hard	Include unincorporated areas into city for voting	Barbara	Pops
Hard	Develop audio level standards	Jim	Perkins
Hard	Housing-- not enough affordable/buildings covering entire lots/ McMansion syndrome	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Hard	Low income housing	Wayne	Pendrey
Hard	Traffic	Sylvia	Park
Hard	controlled development	Wayne	Pendrey
Hard	Water conservation/ resource wise management	Maria	Parisen
Hard	Wildfire residential prevention, including ecological concerns	Maria	Parisen
Hard	Consolidate School District	Sylvia	Park
Hard	Valley-wide solar power system	Jon	Parisen
Hard	What is long range development master plan for Valley	Jon	Parisen
Hard	traffic solutions for the 40-50% commuters	Steve	Olsen
Hard	Have more teen centers	Lupita	Ortiz
Hard	Countywide disaster plan	Steve	Olsen
Hard	Transportation: sustainable fuels, biodiesel all school buses	Kathy	Nolan
Hard	Housing: Green buildings	Kathy	Nolan
Hard	Education accessibility for those students not in public schools	Jessica	Murray
Hard	More usable public transportation	Jessica	Murray

Hard	Consumer action for seniors	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Hard	Funding and construction of bypass	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Hard	Traffic	Cindy	Murphree
Hard	More unity with City Gov.	Cindy	Murphree
Hard	Keep the roads maintained better-- both county and state highways	Natalia	Moore
Hard	More playing fields for youth activities	Natalia	Moore
Hard	Widden Hwy 33-- Improve traffic flow	Don	Moore
Hard	traffic flow	Deborah E.	Moe
Hard	Consider selling unneeded schools	Don	Moore
Hard	graffiti/vandalism	Deborah E.	Moe
Hard	Develop mixed use housing	Steven	Mitchell
Hard	Replace bleachers at Libbey Bowl	Alyssa	Miller
Hard	Bolster/enhance choke points into/out of valley	Steven	Mitchell
Hard	We need a big box store (walmart) so we don't have to drive to Oxnard	Patty	Mell
Hard	Make Nordhoff a bigger school for more students	Alyssa	Miller
Hard	Fix speeding in Oak View on 33	Robert	Mell
Hard	Fix speeding on 33 in Oak View	Robert	Mell
Hard	Better transportation	Lisa	Meeker
Hard	Trailer parks-- child molesters	Todd	McGinley
Hard	Community/sports complex-- multi use of honor farm	Ann	McLaughlin
Hard	Create a public pool facility and softball complex	Dan	McLaughlin
Hard	Remove oil refinery which is	Dan	McLaughlin

	the gateway to our valley		
Hard	Affordable housing	Lisa	Meeker
Hard	Subdivision of larger parcels	Todd	McGinley
Hard	Revise school district boundaries so all students can stay in valley and not be bussed to Ventura	Debbie	McConnell
Hard	Develop better access to bike trail throughout valley especially below Oak View Community Center	Debbie	McConnell
Hard	Uniform building codes	Paul	McConnaughey
Hard	Central government voice to the county	Paul	McConnaughey
Hard	Planning for wilderness	Wally	McCall
Hard	Transportation, incentives and convenience	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
Hard	Uniform building ordinance	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
Hard	The traffic problems	Betty	McAllister
Hard	Affordable housing	Joe	McAllister
Hard	Anti-drug/anti-gang strategy and program	Wally	McCall
Hard	Protecting our open spaces from development	Betty	McAllister
Hard	Honest help at all government levels	Randi	McAfee
Hard	A step by step manual for fire, flood, earthquake victims on what steps to take for the available services	Sean	McAfee
Hard	Development of vacant property on Ojai Ave-- Bowling alley	Nancy	Main
Hard	Community based valley-wide safety programs (neighborhood watch)	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Hard	Flood water responsibility	Randi	McAfee
Hard	Affordable Housing	Barbara	Mc Dougle

Hard	Coordinated energy plan and solution leading to energy independence. Local control of electricity, heating, cooling, internet, and telecommunications	Barbara	Mc Dougle
Hard	Our shared values and culture will be preserved	Sharon	Madonna
Hard	A plan for a valley-wide sustainable living	Marleen	Luckman
Hard	Ordinances for protecting affordable housing	Marleen	Luckman
Hard	Casitas Springs, the "gateway" to the valley is depressive looking	Sharon	Madonna
Hard	Local power independence	John	Long
Hard	Rapid transit	John	Long
Hard	Providing affordable housing	Carol	Lessinger
Hard	Provisions for emergency evacuation plans	Carol	Lessinger
Hard	reforestation of valley hills	Mark	Lee
Hard	Slow growth; sustainable development policies	Dennis	Leary
Hard	Economic support for low and moderate income people	Dennis	Leary
Hard	Family quality jobs for residents of the Ojai Valley	David	Lawrence
Hard	Business plan for Ojai Valley	David	Lawrence
Hard	Facilities for teens (recreational)	Jon	Lambert
Hard	transportation	Muriel	Lavender
Hard	valley-wide city	Muriel	Lavender
Hard	Affordable Housing	Jon	Lambert
Hard	Bring Oak View and Casitas Springs into OUSD	Terri	Laine
Hard	Get OV, MM, CS to believe that they are truly a part of Ojai	Alex	Laine
Hard	Let Sunset school go to Ojai	Alex	Laine

	Unified if individuals desire		
Hard	traffic solution for the entire valley	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Hard	Valley-wide city	Ray	King
Hard	Construct meaningful valley representation for those out of the city	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Hard	Transportation- better public trans/ Casitas springs bypass	Sheldon	Khougaz
Hard	Reduce environmental impacts	Ray	King
Hard	Growth-- moderate income housing-- more kids for schools	Sheldon	Khougaz
Hard	Highway 33	Leanna	Kennedy
Hard	Consolidate schools for the entire valley	Leanna	Kennedy
Hard	Bring more families and young people into the Ojai Valley	Miranda	Kapin
Hard	Create a wellness region.	Jerry	Kaplan
Hard	Develop a long term plan for sustainability of our way of life in this region	Jerry	Kaplan
Hard	Build more low and medium income housing	Sarra	Jubinville
Hard	No more developments built out of sync with Ojai's architectural feeling: regulation for architecture	Sarra	Jubinville
Hard	Low cost housing	Richard	Jones
Hard	Bring together groups for tax distribution or redistribution	Richard	Jones
Hard	Library- more time available to the youth	Ray	Johnson
Hard	traffic	Ray	Johnson
Hard	Libraries all under Ojai control	Caroline	Jones
Hard	One unified school district for the Ojai Valley	Caroline	Jones
Hard	More low-income housing	George	Jensen

Hard	Traffic	George	Jensen
Hard	affordable housing	James	Jackson
Hard	Preserve more open space	James	Jackson
Hard	Sustainable fuel free local economy	Paul	Jenkin
Hard	Watershed restoration including flooding, water	Paul	Jenkin
Hard	Affordable Housing	Susan	Jackson
Hard	Establishment of green building standards for future development	Susan	Jackson
Hard	Sustainable resource use	David	Intner
Hard	Expand school district to include Oak View	Sage	Intner
Hard	Support agriculture in the valley	Sage	Intner
Hard	Protecting/ enhancing air quality	Sue	Horgan
Hard	Affordable housing stock to provide for diverse social and economic population	David	Intner
Hard	Improve roads/ Infrastructure	Sue	Horgan
Hard	Overall valley-wide sustainable practices document	Katherine	Hope
Hard	Youth Activities	Barclay	Hope
Hard	Future groups of meeting-- Public transportation	Judy	Hohman
Hard	Keeping youth involved in constructive activities and eliminating gang activity	Judy	Hohman
Hard	Architectural and city planning	Barclay	Hope
Hard	Population control/growth control	Sharon	Hixson
Hard	Traffic congestion-- reduce it	Sharon	Hixson
Hard	Environmental protections for undeveloped areas	RoseAnn	Hill
Hard	Housing for lower-income	RoseAnn	Hill

	families and seniors		
Hard	Traffic management	David	Hill
Hard	Affordable housing/rentals	David	Hill
Hard	Improve roads and highways in and out of valley	Marcia	Hester
Hard	More jobs and business opportunities in Ojai	William	Hessell
Hard	Traffic mitigation and funding for better transportation routes	William	Hessell
Hard	Develop more recreational opportunities for youth	Marcia	Hester
Hard	Traffic-- slow it down through Oak View	John	Herndon
Hard	More truths about what is planned regarding the Dam removal-- obviously plans in place not being revealed	Joyce L.	Heath
Hard	Emphasis on alternative energy sources for electricity	Keith	Helmkamp
Hard	Water conservation programs including use of grey water	Keith	Helmkamp
Hard	All becoming one valley/valley-wide city	John	Herndon
Hard	Affordable housing solutions for middle income support services providers (teachers, hospital employees)	Joyce L.	Heath
Hard	Disaster plan	Ruth	Heater
Hard	Affordable housing	Ruth	Heater
Hard	Centralized valley communication	Karen	Harrison
Hard	Common building codes/ordinances	Karen	Harrison
Hard	Cap on rents	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
Hard	Consolidate Oak View schools in our district	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
Hard	Require widened sidewalks	Wyatt	Harris

Hard	Stop removal of low cost housing and more low cost housing	Wyatt	Harris
Hard	How to use resources-- water restrictions for example	Claudia	Harris
Hard	Traffic problem-daily	Helen	Harnett
Hard	Commuter issues (transportation)	Claudia	Harris
Hard	Transportation (inter & intra valley)	Rae	Hanstad
Hard	Affordable housing for younger families	Helen	Harnett
Hard	Disaster preparedness	Marvin	Hanson
Hard	Address housing needs	Rae	Hanstad
Hard	Housing for Homeless	Dale	Hanson
Hard	Low-Income and affordable housing	Dale	Hanson
Hard	Vacant commercial property	Patrick	Gorey
Hard	Affordable housing	Ed	Guerena
Hard	Valley-wide city	Diane	Goodrow
Hard	Additional gatekeeper traffic light	Patrick	Gorey
Hard	Traffic and egress out of valley and vice versa	Diane	Goodrow
Hard	Halt "not small town" dense building in downtown	Christine	Golden
Hard	Stop all national franchise chains from setting up businesses in Ojai and support from city for downtown business and tourism	Christine	Golden
Hard	Valley-wide government	Patsy	Glenn
Hard	Low-cost housing	Patsy	Glenn
Hard	Provide more transparency in all govt meetings	Harold	Glenn
Hard	Community park and pool in Mira Monte at the old honor farm	Judith	Girod

Hard	Preservation of open space within the neighborhoods	Judith	Girod
Hard	Acquire more property under land conservancy	Gary	Girod
Hard	Impact state and county to get our fair share of public funding	Gary	Girod
Hard	Better residential planning	Carol	Garramone
Hard	Preserving our open space	Shelia	Ghen
Hard	Promote affordable housing	Carol	Garramone
Hard	Healthy/organic foods in schools	Bob	Ghen
Hard	Kids entertainment center--bowling, golf, fames, movies	Bob	Ghen
Hard	Gangs	Les	Gardner
Hard	Drug and Alcohol use by minors in the valley	Les	Gardner
Hard	Teen center and programs for valley	Judy	Gabriel
Hard	Affordable housing	Alice	Gardner
Hard	Allow industry into the valley	Alice	Gardner
Hard	Disaster relief plan w/ public radio station	Judy	Gabriel
Hard	Low-cost housing-create more	Pat	Essick
Hard	Tackle the issues of affordable housing	Karen	Evenden
Hard	transportation	Karen	Evenden
Hard	Beautifying Casitas Springs and Oak View	Katie	Frazier
Hard	Valley-wide open space district	Roger	Essick
Hard	Valley-wide Parks and Rec. District	Roger	Essick
Hard	Self reliance economically--keep dollars in the valley	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
Hard	Create a system for valley-wide shared sphere of influence government	Pat	Essick
Hard	Unite Ojai and Ventura MLS	Aimee L	Eccles

	into one		
Hard	Community based solar energy program and sustainable food system	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
Hard	Give families in unincorporated areas of Ojai choices of school districts	Aimee L	Eccles
Hard	Rapid response to fire danger (air support). Instead of depending on private contractors	Rick	Dowden
Hard	Somehow make the valley an affordable place for families to live	Martha	Dowden
Hard	How will the next generation find affordable housing in their birthplace	Noel	Douglas
Hard	Create an evacuation plan for the valley	Martha	Dowden
Hard	Traffic reduction plan	Brian	Donovan
Hard	Sign ordinance/ same as in Ojai City	Rene F.	Diets
Hard	Move power lines underground	Brian	Donovan
Hard	Single valley government	Don	Diaz
Hard	Turn honor farm into a sports complex	Don	Diaz
Hard	Dope activity abatement	David	Des Laurier
Hard	Gang activity abatement	David	Des Laurier
Hard	Improve traffic-flow at "Choke-Points"	Christina	Colombo
Hard	location utilities underground	Mike	Daley
Hard	traffic mitigation- ie widen to 4 land access on 33	Mike	Daley
Hard	Consolidate water districts	Elana Inkicks	Daley
Hard	Creation vocational school at honor farm-- more land/blds than Help of Ojai needs	Elana Inkicks	Daley

Hard	Safe routes for bicycling to MJHS and NHS	Ruth	Cooper
Hard	Annex Meiners Oaks into the City of Ojai	Bob	Daddi
Hard	Bypass Casitas Springs	Bob	Daddi
Hard	Faster, more frequent public transportation within the valley	Ruth	Cooper
Hard	Protect quality of life/environment	Christina	Colombo
Hard	Homelessness	Jude	Conroy
Hard	Over bright house lights	Jude	Conroy
Hard	Create valley-wide school district	Austin	Cline
Hard	Form Valley-wide city	Austin	Cline
Hard	Traffic congestion	Garrett	Clifford
Hard	Regional group to link services etc.	Joseph	Clark
Hard	Reduce air pollution	Garrett	Clifford
Hard	Green building codes county/city	Joseph	Clark
Hard	Bike trail continued to East End and Upper Valley	Gayel	Childress
Hard	Lighted Cross walks in downtown Ojai	Gayel	Childress
Hard	M.O. park next to elementary school	Melissa	Cherry
Hard	More money to help low income families	Melissa	Cherry
Hard	Improve air quality	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Hard	Reduce traffic/ Alternative transportation	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Hard	Shift in property laws to grow rental availability w/o new growth-- creative affordable housing	Carol	Castanon
Hard	Sewers system to replace septic system	Fred	Bysshe

Hard	Make Ojai Valley a demonstration city for energy independence through trash conversion and electric energy production	Peter	Cantle
Hard	Bicycle paths to all schools	Carol	Castanon
Hard	Low-income (median income) housing	Judy	Bysshe
Hard	Transportation	Judy	Bysshe
Hard	Create a "Cherish the River" program-- tourism and land use based on healthy and productive Ventura River and tributaries	Peter	Cantle
Hard	Protect against commercial encroachment	Fred	Bysshe
Hard	Keep small town feeling	Kathy	Broesamle
Hard	Affordable housing for long-time locals	Brett	Buyan
Hard	Ensuring open space/ farmland preservation	Brett	Buyan
Hard	Unifying the valley politically	Kathy	Broesamle
Hard	Form one government for Ojai Valley	Susan N.	Broidy
Hard	Form one water district for Ojai Valley	Susan N.	Broidy
Hard	Work to preserve agriculture	John	Broesamle
Hard	Keep our small-town feeling in all the existing communities preventing both overbuilding and sprawl	John	Broesamle
Hard	Encourage ride share to reduce traffic	Garret	Boehm
Hard	Speeding issue	Garret	Boehm
Hard	Environmentally sustainable transportation	Caryn	Bosson
Hard	Housing so that the people of all incomes can live here.	Caryn	Bosson
Hard	Reducing the risk of being	Dick	Bernacchi

	locked in or out of valley in the event of major disasters-- floods, earthquakes, etc		
Hard	Reducing traffic congestion generally	Dick	Bernacchi
Hard	Creating affordable housing so we will have more age and ethnic diversity	Gayle D.	Bertsch
Hard	Creation of valley-wide green projects	Gayle D.	Bertsch
Hard	Focus new construction in already dense areas.	George	Berg
Hard	Prevent construction of Mc Mansions visable from outside the property	George	Berg
Hard	Valley-wide recreation & facilities: goals and objectives	Carol	Belser
Hard	Bury power/cable lines (remove poles)	Jeff	Bennett
Hard	Create valley-wide city	Jeff	Bennett
Hard	Disaster	Roberta	Battaglia
Hard	First aid classes	Roberta	Battaglia
Hard	Stipulate public lands for protection-- beyond Ojai Land Conservancy	Christopher	Bates
Hard	Create new ordinances in order to control pop. Density such as creating laws against allowing illegals to rent & finding employers of illegals	Susan	Barry
Hard	Reform uniform building code to allow alternative housing structures	Russ	Baggerly
Hard	Traffic	Hansel	Balayan
Hard	Use of drugs	Hansel	Balayan
Hard	Drug/ Gang Issues	Tim	Baird
Hard	Traffic	Tim	Baird
Hard	Ojai Valley Regional governance-- Redevelopment	Russ	Baggerly

	or JPA		
Hard	Increase budget for RMA to fund enough employees to do both proactive and complaint driven enforcement	Pat	Baggerly
Hard	Valley to adopt climate control agreement coupled with concrete greenhouse gas reduction plans	Evan	Austin
Hard	Stop all new construction in Ojai except low income and senior housing	Robert	Auric
Hard	Broad, transparent interaction between valley residents and various governing entities	Evan	Austin
Hard	Reduce traffic and pollution on Hwy 33	Robert	Auric
Hard	Increase strength of Ojai Valley MAC recommendations	Brian	Aikens
Hard	evacuation teams-- Emergency response.	Kim	Armstrong
Hard	Traffic issues- speeding	Kim	Armstrong
Hard	Regional land use planning	Tucker	Adams
Hard	Come to a consensus on viability of valley-wide school district.	Brian	Aikens

Environment

First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion:

November 12, 2006

	Ojai Land Conservancy should receive more land to protect---Table 3 Preserve remaining open space---Table 8 Valley-wide environmental protection/education for people to know what they can do---Table 14 Protect slopes and waterways from overdevelopment---Table 18 Ojai implement more environmental and sustainable policies---Table 31 Sustainability of the environment---Table 33 Enhance natural environment---Table 35 Replace heritage trees with same---Table 36 Sustainability/Green Buildings---Table 42		
	<i>Preservation</i>		
Easy	Building moratorium on new residential construction	Robert	Auric
Easy	Maintain slow growth	Jeff	Bennett
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Preservation of open space	Joseph	Clark
Easy	Keep open spaces open	Sharon	Hixson
Easy	Ojai Valley growth control	Cindy	Murphree
Easy	Control growth	Roy	Rodriguez
Easy	Limit housing	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Continue to limit development	Cynthia	Temple
Easy	Preservation of open space	Susan	Jackson
Easy	Preserve remaining open space	Carl	Thelander
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	John	Broesamle
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Sustainability and environment	Kale	Starbird
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Complete Matilija Dam Removal by 2012	Paul	Jenkin
Easy	Supporting agriculture	Muriel	Lavender

Easy	Reduce light pollution	Jeff	Bennett
Easy	Light pollution	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Easy	Make Ojai valley a "dark sky" valley or city	Jane	Spiller
	Instill green standards in buildings---Table 18		
	Sustainability/Green Buildings---Table 42		
	<i>Green Policies</i>		
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle
Easy	Green building standards	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Appreciate our community and natural environment	Sue	Horgan
Easy	Green materials required for building	Paula	Power
	Create regional solar project – fuel cell---Table 4		
Easy	Regional solar project	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Better recycling program-- more bins in schools and around the valley	Joslyn	Wood
	Valley-wide environmental protection/education for people to know what they can do---Table 14		
Easy	Environmental education	Judy	Bysshe
Easy	Environmental education/preservation	Karen	Harrison
Easy	New laws, practices subject to environmental review	Katherine	Hope
Easy	Valley-wide education about what individuals can do at home to preserve the environment	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
	Reduce air pollution through alternative fuel supply---Table 18		
Easy	keeping water available and air clean	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Investigation as to the possible chemical dangers we are being exposed to through the aerosol spraying occurring in the skies of Ojai as evidenced by chemtrails	Nancy	Roelle
Easy	Reduce air pollution	Dennis	Leary
Easy	No burn permit, chipping instead-- for air quality in the Ojai Valley	Sean	McAfee
Easy	Noise problems-- reduce noise and dust	Jane	Spiller
	Develop Environmental Plan to make Ojai a model green community---Table 10		
Easy	Develop an environmental plan (agencies, business, individuals) that will make the OV a model green community	Tim	Baird
Easy	Ojai Valley being a model for environmental sustainability	Caryn	Bosson

Preparation for Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: April 15, 2007

Environmental Improvements- **Preserving Open Space- Global Warming- Sustainability**

Subtopics/Action Steps (4) - To Be Prioritized

- A) Preserve existing open space in the Valley**
- B) Promote green building valleywide**
- C) Create an environmental education program**
- D) Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community**

Environmental Improvements span protecting and restoring open spaces and creeks, reducing air pollution, green building, and sustainability. There is much cross-over between this subject and others such as transportation, supporting agriculture, and community education/communications.

A) Preserve existing open space in the Valley

The basic tools of open space preservation are local government zoning, acquisition of land or easements by public or nonprofit organizations, and SOAR measures. The County Ojai Valley Area Plan zones the large open space areas as "Open Space" with minimum parcel sizes between 20 and 80 acres. These areas are also covered by the County SOAR Ordinance. Some open space lands lie within the City of Ojai. The Ojai Valley is surrounded on the west and north by public lands and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's Ventura River Preserve. The Conservancy actively seeks private and public funding for additional acquisition and restoration projects.

B) Promote green building

Building Codes are established by the State and little opportunity exists for developing different local codes. Some cities and counties offer incentives such as speedier permit processing for green buildings. The County is pursuing making large new county buildings Green Building Certified and is evaluating incentives. Various financial incentives are offered by the federal and state governments and utility companies for energy efficiency building upgrades, energy reducing new construction, and solar energy. Public education also plays a role.

C) Create an environmental education program

An environmental education program could be offered through public and private schools, churches, service clubs, on local cable TV, and at community events. The program could address projects around the valley, measures people can take at home and at work, transportation, local success stories, and regional or national efforts.

D) Develop an environmental plan to make Ojai a model green and more sustainable community

An environmental plan could tie-together the above elements and provide a framework and road map for local efforts. Greenhouse gas reduction through reducing energy use (electricity and natural gas), reducing fuel consumption in transportation, alternative fuels, solar and wind energy, practicing the approach of “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” and growing one’s own food could be addressed. Professional assistance may be desirable. The Ojai Green Coalition is working toward similar purposes.

The Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion:
April 15, 2007

Environmental Improvements

Preserve Existing Open Space in the Valley

- County Ojai Area Plan
- County SOAR Ordinance
- City General Plan
- Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

Open Space Action Steps:

Maintain Existing plans & ordinances
Adopt new plans & ordinances
Support the OVLC

Promote Green Building

- Building Codes set by State
- Local Government Incentives
- Government & Utility Company Rebates
- Public Education

Green Building Action Steps:

Public Education- local effort

Create an Environmental Education Program

- Schools, Churches, and Clubs could offer program to members/students
- Could be highlighted in local cable TV and newspaper, and on websites
- Community Events

Environmental Education Action Steps:

Organize interested parties, plan, develop & implement program

Develop an Environmental Plan to Make Ojai a Model Green and Sustainable Community

- A Plan could provide the framework for various projects and programs
- Ojai Valley Green Coalition is pursuing a similar endeavor

A) Preserve existing open space in the Valley

1.) Lowest
2.)
3.)
4.) Highest

B) Promote green building valley-wide

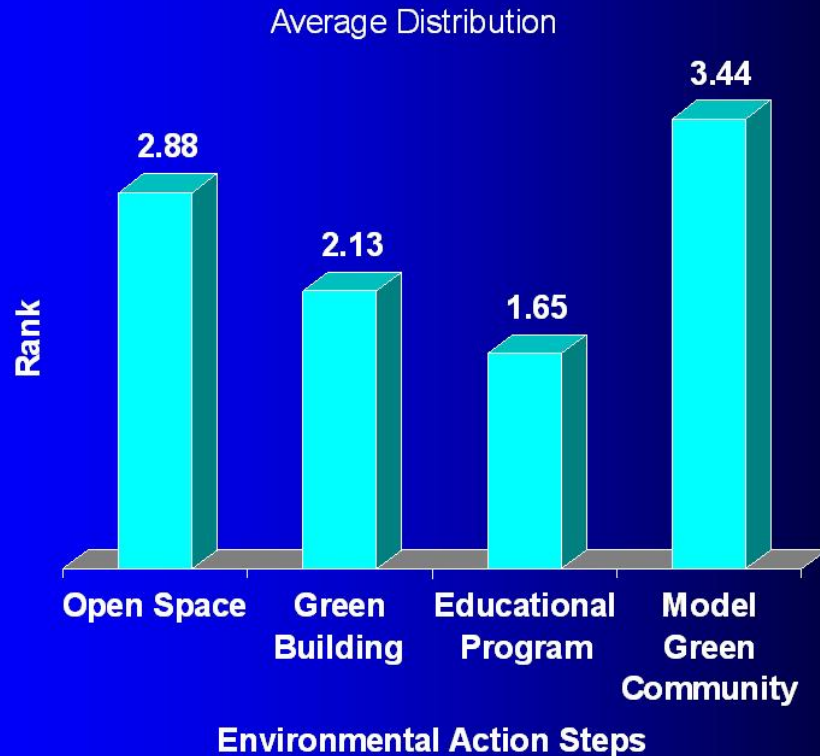
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C) Create an environmental education program

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D) Develop an environmental plan to make the Ojai Valley a model green and more sustainable community

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Individual Suggestions:

Attendees were asked to answer the following questions, if they had time, based on the various environmental action items identified in the Power point.

- 1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?
- 2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?
- 3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal?

1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

Present general plan- open areas available

Model Communities

Information from other cities who have an existing and effective green policy

What are options/resources—What are the costs?—How can people pay for this?

Poll to establish enough support

Poll orgs in the valley to get existing info—work with UCSB grad school to do study.

New technologies available—what other communities have had success and could be a model for us.

What properties are candidates for preservation?

Balance safety issues and sustainable materials

Maintain restrictions on rapid growth

Cut bureaucratic BS to get it going

Publish Ojai Valley Green Coalition Vision

Determine scope of project (power, waste disposal, recycle, water supply) and available solutions

How will the valley benefit?

Change laws for county or city for conservation of energy

Assess current situation—limits for buildings, traffic, etc.

SOAR and OVLC plans and goals

Identify players

Changing ordinances throughout valley and city that require use of more green policies

Inform locals of what the valley would be like if open space is no more

Current environmental status—study of existing homes/businesses to determine green status, financial incentives to meet plan

What is here now? What is needed?

Bring experts together to create a plan

Define it, see what other communities are doing and learn exactly why it could benefit

Ojai

SOAR

Building Codes

Information on what is the open space

Green Coalition

I would provide direction for most of the subtopics
Info on energy use and retrofitting existing buildings because there are so many older homes and so few newer homes
Educate population regarding options and benefits to protecting our environment
Types of products, codes, etc that contribute to a green environment and the costs of each
Identify existing open spaces and their relative ecological importance
There are many models out there
Define green; identify what makes a sustainable community and define that in terms that can be codified in some way
What works in successful communities

2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

Volunteers
Valley-wide volunteers
Community Action
Continue to support the work of the Land Conservancy
Leadership: City/County
City of Ojai SOAR passed- Readopt SOAR countywide
Incentives, tax breaks
Grants, Endowments
OVLC Campaigns for money or land gifts, easements
Code changes are needed to make alternative building possible
Committed citizens
Broad support among all interested parties in common vision
Inform locals through churches, clubs, schools and businesses
Money, knowledge of green issues and what to do from simple to complex—from low to high cost
Establish Nature Center at Besant Meadow
Funding for Green Coalition to organize
Money, awareness and agreement
Incentives, P.R.
Legislate to prevent encroachment
Leadership
City to add green plan into planning dept. general plan
The mayor needs to sign the mayor's climate agreement
Ojai Land Conservancy
Personal committees to keeping mother earth green by promoting solar energy and control growth
Financial incentives
Combined open space and parks district. OVLC is already managing public parks
Money, time
Make it a time and resource priority
Use info from universities

3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

Develop a plan- present it-enact it.

Researching model communities, adopting municipal policies for city/county agencies, incentives for builders

Assess-needs/wants, funding sources, plan, implement

Lots of hard work

Organize—execute—report—implement

Continue to expand land conservancy

Identify other successful models from other places

Press state assembly members and Governor to implement incentives and laws for environmental protection.

Need a leader

Land development master plan

Identify priority locations to preserve--Locate sources of money

Cooperation of city leaders/government and residents—develop goals and set measurable objectives

Work in conjunction with land conservancy and nature center

Work with Ojai Green Coalition to share their declaration—a list of personal action items

Coordinate efforts of all groups, info, resources

Identify grant possibilities

Column in newspaper—special “green” day with info on specific ways to go green

City planning involvement

Have legislators force the solar industry to lower costs to promote solar electricity

Encourage conservation, CF bulbs, energy monitors, green power through SCE

New government- Ojai Valley Bio Diesel

Early education—schools, town meetings

Work with the Ojai Valley Green Coalition

Vote a referendum

Maintain current policies regarding further land division

Third Ojai Valley-wide Discussion:
October 28, 2007

MAKING OJAI A MORE GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Top Topics from Last Meeting

Attendees suggested an effort should include:

- Finding out what other communities are doing
- What are the options, what are the costs
- Adopt new building codes
- Retrofit existing homes since few new homes
- Consider financial incentives for homeowners/builders
- Publicize ideas and efforts
- Adopt an Ojai Valley green plan

Starting Point: our Baseline

- A Baseline or footprint tallies our impact on the planet or atmosphere, and gives us a starting point for measuring progress in reducing our impact.
- We all have individual impacts, and collectively the Ojai Valley has a valleywide impact and baseline.

Calculating Baselines

- Carbon Dioxide emissions can be easily estimated by tallying the consumption of electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuels.
- It is harder to count consumption of goods and services- our indirect impacts

Ojai Valley's Energy Footprint

- Last year's Electricity & Natural Gas Use in 93022 & 93023 Zip codes:
- Electricity: 137,441 Megawatt hours,
- Natural Gas Use: 713,164,800 Cubic Feet
- **Total CO2 from Ojai Valley Homes & Businesses: 87,798 tons per year (plus driving, air travel, and consumption of goods and services)**

THE BIG IMPACT- DRIVING

- Over 30,000 trips per day in and out of the Valley
- Untold in-valley trips – 20,000 per day on Ojai Avenue Downtown alone
- One average car traveling 50 miles emits 70 Pounds of CO2.

PARTICIPANTS' FOOTPRINTS

70 People Calculated their Household
Carbon Footprints!

Let's find their average on a scale of 1 - 10

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **REDUCE DRIVING**
- **REDUCE ENERGY USE AT HOME & WORK**
- **REDUCE WATER USE**
- **SHOP LOCAL, SHOP LESS**
- **RECYCLE MORE**
- **BUILD & BUY GREEN**

INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS ARE KEY

- If every home in Ojai replaced two 100-watt light bulbs with compact fluorescents, the total energy consumption of 30 homes would be saved.
- An energy-smart clothes washer can save more water in one year than one person drinks in an entire lifetime!
- A water faucet that leaks one drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month.
- A crack around a window frame can let in as much cold air as leaving the window open three inches!

THE LOW CARBON DIET

- A popular how-to workbook to cut 5,000 pounds of ugly carbon dioxide
- Week-by-week program for getting carbon lean in 30 days
- Use by household or in groups
- Track pounds reduced
- We'll tally & report

WHAT THE OJAI VALLEY CAN ACCOMPLISH COLLECTIVELY

PRESENTED BY THE
OJAI VALLEY GREEN COALITION



MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition is to bring together community organizations, government, schools, businesses, and citizens of all ages to make the Ojai Valley a model green community.

GOALS

- Reduce carbon pollution in the Ojai Valley.
- Lower landfill waste output from the Ojai Valley.
- Reduce gas, oil, and electrical consumption in the Ojai Valley.
- Expand the use of alternative energy options in the Ojai Valley

SO FAR:

- 300 members
- Presented at Earth Day Celebration
- Hosted 1st Annual Go Green, Ojai! Event with Hunter Lovins
- Hosted meeting with City, County, and Green Building Assoc.

STRUCTURE

- Individual Members
- Organizations
- Action Committees

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS

- FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
- ENERGY
- BUILDING / CONSTRUCTION
- WASTE MANAGEMENT
- TRANSPORTATION
- WATERSHED

OJAI VALLEY GREEN COALITION COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

1. Form action committees
2. Educate committees about issues
3. Target specific local issues to address
4. Develop plan
5. Take action
6. Assess

E P A

Education

Policy Change

Action

COMMUNITY ACTION SAMPLE PLANS

- *What steps do we need to take to promote green building in our Valley?*
- *How can we increase recycling efforts in the Ojai Valley?*
- *How can we decrease traffic in the Valley?*
- *How can we increase our use of alternative energy sources in our Valley?*

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

1. Resource Committee
2. Event Planning Committee
3. Communication Committee

THANK YOU!

- Together, we can make a difference!

First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: November 12, 2006

	Set up a valley-wide disaster plan/organization---Table 1 Valley-wide disaster plan---Table 5 Valley-wide disaster plan---Table 6 Valley-wide disaster plan-CERT---Table 12 Unified disaster prep plan---Table 28 Valley-wide disaster plan---Table 32 Comprehensive disaster plan---Table 41 Valley-wide emergency plan for disaster ---Table 43		
Easy	Disaster plan- follow Santa Paula's Lead	Alice	Gardner
Easy	Disaster Action Plan	Jon	Parisen
Easy	Disaster Plan	Paul	McConnaughey
Easy	Valley-wide disaster plan	Dale	Hanson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster planning	Lisa	Meeker
Easy	Disaster plan for whole valley	Richard	Jones
	<i>Evacuation</i>		
Easy	Exits out of the community during a disaster	Karen	Harrison
Easy	Evacuation plan for the valley (fire, water, etc.	Rick	Dowden
Easy	Disaster/Preparedness evacuation plan	Nancy	Roelle
Easy	Access in/out valley (disaster preparedness)	RoseAnn	Hill
Easy	Valley-wide evacuation plan	Wally	McCall
	Improve the valley's disaster preparedness---Table 8 Valley-wide disaster preparedness program (Red cross, CERT, etc.)---Table 9 Disaster preparedness plan---Table 14 Valley-wide emergency preparedness---Table 27 Disaster preparedness---Table 30 Disaster preparedness and response---Table 34		
Easy	Disaster Preparedness	Gayle D.	Bertsch
Easy	Disaster prep.	Adele	Schmalenberger
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Bob	Daddi
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Brian	Donovan
Easy	Disaster Preparedness	Gilbert	Zamora
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Martin	Pops
Easy	Disaster preparedness	Maria	Parisen

Easy	Disaster preparedness	Marvin	Hanson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster prep	James	Jackson
Easy	Valley-wide disaster preparedness plan	Susan	Jackson
Easy	Disaster preparedness plan	Barbara	Mc Dougle
Easy	Disaster preparation to involve each community. Bilingual packets to all homes	Caroline	Jones
	Create emergency broadcast system on traveler's info channel---Table 3 Clearer more adequate communication during emergencies---Table 11 Form disaster communication task force---Table 15		
	<i>Communication System</i>		
Easy	Communication system for valley-wide emergencies	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Easy	Emergency Disaster Planning-single communication source	A. Michael	Weaver
Easy	Emergency preparedness and public information system	Susan	Weaver
Easy	Disaster preparation, access to local radio communication	Joyce M.	McWilliams
	<i>Task Force/Organization</i>		
Easy	Form disaster communication taskforce	Tyler	Suchman
Easy	Functioning valley-wide disaster preparedness task force	Lyn	Thomas
Easy	Link together agencies, volunteers, non-profits to develop a comprehensive disaster response plan	Debbie	McConnell
Easy	Set a valley-wide Disaster organization	Leanna	Kennedy
Easy	Clearer lines of communication when emergencies occur or potential emergencies	Carol	Garramone
	<i>Food/Resource Supply</i>		
Easy	Food supply assessment of valley for emergency preparedness	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
Easy	Emergency preparedness plan--food/energy/water security	Karen	Schmidt
	<i>CERT</i>		
Easy	Cert training valley-wide within the valley	Kenneth	Williams
Easy	Coordinate and publish emergency response teams efforts	Christine	Golden
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	A notebook for victims of calamities with flood	Randi	McAfee
Easy	Funding for loss of homes and personal items	Randi	McAfee
Easy	Prevent flooding	Jack	Smith
	Expand hospital services (E.R., Pre-Natal)---Table 10		

	Quality of emergency medicine---Table 14 Preservation of community hospital---Table 27		
Easy	Emergency room enlargement	Les	Gardner
Easy	Modernize or build a new hospital	Barbara	Pops
Easy	Better access to specialty medical care-- eg recruit a surgeon	Martin	Pops
Easy	Quality of emergency medicine/technology	Andrew	Whitman

Preparation for Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion PowerPoint: April 15, 2007

Subtopics/Action Items (5) - To Be Prioritized

- A) Improve our individual ability to be prepared for disaster**
- B) Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program**
- C) Improve communication during emergencies**
- D) Improve the hospital and emergency room**
- E) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster plans**

Background

While many people are not aware of it, the City and the County both have Emergency Response Plans. They are called (SEMS) Standardized Emergency Management Systems. SEMS has been adopted by the County of Ventura for managing the response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies. Local governments in California are required to use SEMS when their emergency operations center is activated or a local emergency is proclaimed.

The City and County SEMS plans address a wide variety of disasters and threats. The City handles all issues in the city and the County in the unincorporated area.

The Sheriff is the Director of Disaster Services for the county. The Office of Emergency Services is under the Sheriff's jurisdiction. OES coordinates the creation of the Emergency Plans and they are adopted by the City and the County. The Sheriff is the overall coordinator during disasters and operates out of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Government Center while the city EOC operates at city hall and the police station.

The Inter-Agency Coordinating Group (IACG) is an arrangement whereby the 10 cities within the county have an organizational structure and planning partnership for exchanging disaster intelligence, identifying potential resources, facilitating mutual aid, and coordinating cooperative training activities and reciprocal lines of communication.

The public middle and high school are generally the evacuation centers for the Ojai Valley. However, planning experts emphasize "to wait for direction." Depending on the nature of the disaster, shelters must first be designated as safe for providing shelter. Additionally, if your home doesn't have gas, water, electricity or sewer service, there is a

good chance that the shelters don't either. 400 families of 4 in a high school gym with no toilets will not be a good situation, so it is important to wait for direction and facility readiness.

The routes into/out of the valley are vulnerable to damage from earthquake, flooding and landslide.

Evacuation routes are not provided in advance of an event as they depend on the circumstances of the emergency. In the highly unlikely event of a valley-wide evacuation, evacuation routes will have to be balanced with the needs and necessity to get emergency responders in to the valley. Evacuation planning would involve the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, CHP, CalTrans, County Public Works and possibly the County Parks Department.

A) Improve our individual ability to use the disaster plan and be prepared for disaster

The damage caused by natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods as well as man made events such as terrorism can:

- Severely restrict or overwhelm our response resources, communications, transportation, and utilities;
- Leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support.

It takes time for emergency response agencies to set up and prepare for an organized response. Damaged roads and disrupted communication systems may restrict their access into critically affected areas. Thus, for the initial period immediately following a disaster, individuals, households and neighborhoods may need to rely on their own resources for food, water, first aid and shelter for a week to 10 days.

The American Red Cross website www.redcross.org offers good advice on exactly what your individual disaster preparedness supply kit should include.

Individual preparedness, planning, survival skills and mutual aid within neighborhoods and worksites during this initial period are essential measures in coping with the aftermath of a disaster.

B) Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT program

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Accordingly, LAFD decided that some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills for a team of citizens in each neighborhood would improve the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance could arrive. The program proved to be so beneficial that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) felt that the concept and the program should be made available to communities nationwide.

The Ojai Valley recently graduated its first CERT class. More than 30 people attended the training that began this past January, including residents of the unincorporated areas, the city of Ojai and five HAM radio operators. Training is provided by the Ventura County Fire Department. Supervisor Bennett's office hopes to schedule two more classes by the end of 2007.

More than 300 residents in Santa Paula have received CERT training.

C) Improve communication during emergencies

City and County staff as well as representatives of emergency service providers have been meeting regularly to discuss emergency issues in the Ojai Valley and improve communications regarding and during a disaster. Following those discussions, Sheriff Captain Bruce Norris has headed up the effort to install an emergency radio system to serve residents of the Ojai Valley.

Captain Norris has met with and received permission to install an antenna and equipment on the Ventura River Water District water tank. The emergency signal will reach Oak View, Meiners Oaks, Mira Monte, and Ojai to Thacher. Confirmation is needed as to whether the signal would reach Casitas Springs and Upper Ojai or would require an additional antenna.

Arrangements need to be made for an entity to take responsibility for the monthly phone service charges.

The cost for one system is approximately \$49,000 with wireless link. Captain Norris has applied to the Office of Emergency Services for a Homeland Security grant and should know by September whether his request was funded.

D) Improve the hospital and emergency room

Ojai Valley Community Hospital has merged with Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura. The hospital service area includes approximately 28,000 local residents as well as a number of tourists, travelers, individuals using the local trails and national forest for recreational purposes and motorists.

The hospital is planning a new and expanded emergency department that will almost triple the floor space and double the number of beds. Plans are underway and construction is to begin early next year.

According to the California Attorney General report on the hospital merger dated March 1, 2005:

"... the Hospital can probably accommodate some additional visits without significant additional operational difficulty. Unless physicians leave the Ojai area, which may cause their patients to seek care at the emergency department as an alternative, the number of beds are sufficient to handle some increase in volume due to population growth."

The two Ventura area hospitals report visits per bed per year slightly over the ACEP benchmark, indicating that there are probably times of full occupancy and long patient waits at area emergency departments.

If the OVCH emergency department was closed, other hospitals could have trouble accommodating the resulting additional volume. Based upon the results of our analysis, we conclude that the OVCH emergency department is needed for patient access to health care not only for Ojai residents but also to avoid further adversely affecting Ventura hospital emergency departments.”

The Attorney General approved the merger with the certain conditions, those relating to the emergency room include:

- For at least three years from the transaction closing date, CMH shall maintain emergency medical services at OVCH at current levels of service and as currently licensed.
- For at least five years from the transaction closing date, CMH shall continue to provide 24-hour emergency services in Ojai, even if other hospital services are curtailed.

E) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster plans.

Elected leaders, county and city staff and organizations have published articles in the local newspapers and held meetings to communicate the existing emergency resources and plans as well as the need for individual responsibility. As indicated by the responses in our first meeting, the existence of these plans is still not well known. Occasionally there is public notification regarding disaster drills and planning exercises, particularly if the drill will be seen by the public or include public participation. Opportunities exist to communicate plans, procedures and training exercises to the public to increase awareness of government's ongoing efforts toward disaster preparedness.

Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion
PowerPoint: April 15, 2007

Disaster subtopics:

- A. Improve our individual ability to be prepared for disaster
- B. Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT
- C. Improve communication during emergencies
- D. Improve the hospital and emergency room
- E. Increase awareness of and better communicate existing County and City disaster plans

Disaster Preparedness

There is a plan.

During Disaster

- City Manager coordinates the City
- Sheriff- overall coordinator from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

County and cities work together to exchange information, resources, and training.

Evacuation

- Routes and Shelters are not declared in advance as they depend on the circumstances of emergency

A) Improve individual ability to use the disaster plan and be prepared

- This Action Step would primarily require getting preparation information out, assistance and incentives to people to prepare for 7-10 days.

A major disaster may:

- Severely restrict and overwhelm response resources, communications, transportation and utilities
- Leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support
- Force you to rely on your own resources for up to 7 days.

CERT

- CERT – Community Emergency Response Teams
- Trains volunteers in each neighborhood.
- Each CERT is trained in basic skills
Evening training 1 night/week for 7 weeks
- Fire Department coordinates training.

Action Steps for CERTS

- Individual neighborhoods need to be mapped and volunteers secured from each.
- Additional training sessions coordinated with fire department
- Identify a strong volunteer valley-wide coordinator.

C) Improve communication during emergencies

- Last years fire identified problem with communications during an emergency.
- Valleywide radio broadcast system being explored.
- A reverse 911 system is being purchased for use throughout the county including the Ojai Valley.

Action Steps to Improve Communication

- Review current communication activities
- Identify stakeholders to plan improvements throughout the Valley
- Follow up steps to implement improvements

D) Improve the hospital and emergency room

Actions Steps

- Support fundraising efforts of hospital auxiliary
- Consider community fund for augmenting un/underinsured emergency room patient costs
- Encourage appropriate emergency room use

E) Increase awareness of the existing County and City disaster plans

- Communication of the existing disaster plans is one of the most challenging activities.

Rank these subtopics:

- A. Improve our individual ability to be prepared for disaster
- B. Improve our neighborhood ability to be prepared for disaster, including a valley-wide CERT
- C. Improve communication during emergencies
- D. Improve the hospital and emergency room
- E. Increase awareness of and better communicate existing County and City disaster plans

A) Improve our individual ability to be prepared for disaster

- 1.) Lowest
- 2.)
- 3.)
- 4.)
- 5.) Highest

B) Improve our neighborhood ability
to be prepared for disaster, including
a valley-wide CERT program

1.) Lowest
2.)
3.)
4.)
5.) Highest

C) Improve communication
during emergencies

1.) Lowest
2.)
3.)
4.)
5.) Highest

Improve the hospital and emergency room

1.) Lowest
2.)
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E) Increase awareness of and better communicate the existing County and City disaster plans

1.) Lowest
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5.) Highest

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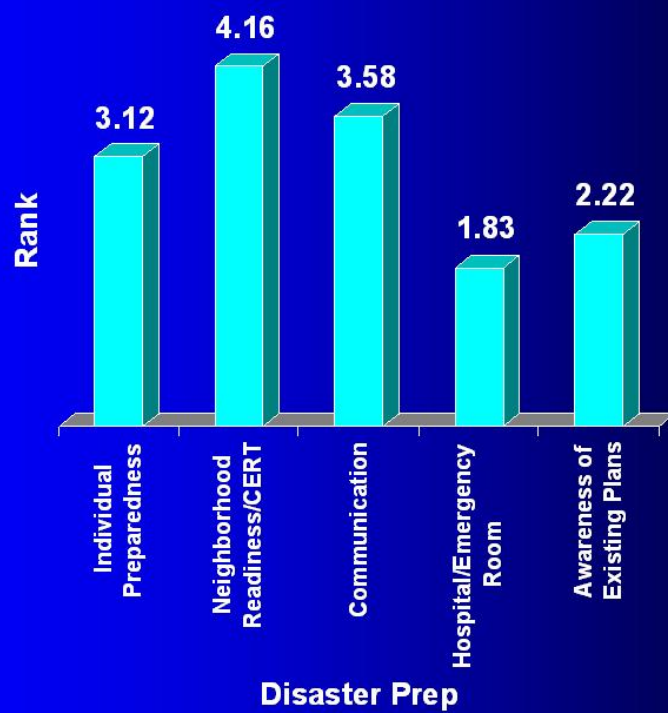


Table Suggestions and Individual Suggestions:

Attendees were asked to answer the following questions, if they had time, based on the various disaster preparedness action items identified in the Power point.

- 1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?
- 2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?
- 3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal?

Table Responses:

1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

Table 9 –radio transmitter valleywide

Table 11 – shared info between city and county

3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

Individual Responses:

1) What information needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

Information packets for each home

Types of disasters and survival strategies

A pamphlet “How to organize and Prepare your neighborhood for a disaster”

Get word out via website, OVN & Ch. 8

What are our options for communication, what do we have, what do we need?

How to recruit CERT volunteers, available training

How many residents are willing to participate

How many households cannot afford the items necessary to be prepared

Publicizing how many of what should be kept x the number of people

How are disaster plans for individuals communicated now

How are our neighborhoods clustered

What is a neighborhood “plan”

Where are the gaps?

Review other governments – don't reinvent the wheel
What is needed at home and car for emergency situations – check list – contact points
Who's in charge and how much is there?
Training
Basic individual ability
organization of neighborhoods – info on key assets for each neighborhood to network with others
Media Blitz – freeways, radio , t.v., newspapers
Neighborhoods must be identified so that o one is excluded; identify willing participants
Hold CERT info meetings
Shared information, communication at city and county level and neighborhoods
Existing plans
Cost -Location of radio transmitters; mailing lists of residents
What emergency spplies should be on hand – food, water, clothing, etc.
Need plans
Valley wide radio station, websites with regular, timely updates
What is the community need – locations, etc.
What's needed in each disaster& who is in charge of each program
Communication
Available resources, cost of improvements
More information needs to be available to all citizens of the Valley, including info in Spanish
Maps and lay outs
Cost and space requirements
What communication facilities are available for disaster
Tell about CERT program
Need to know what's available to individual, community, city, county, state
What's the plan?
Good communication
Who can teach neighborhood boundaries
Involve the stakeholders; agencies, media & officials.
Tech upgrades needed
What is current plan – how is information currently prioritized to community
Evacuation routes
Which agency is responsible for each step?
Who is being certified in neighborhoods? Who is doing what at city/county/neighborhoods?
How to expedite the reverse 911?
Get CERT guidelines to this meeting
Is the emergency radio system going to be adequate?
Evacuation routes & supplies for preparedness
What services does hospital currently have?
What type of resources are needed for each type of disaster
When CERT classes will be scheduled – how to advertise?

Current ability of hospital to provide emergency services
 Identify disaster – training & info needed to prepare
 Number of residents in neighborhood to make management by volunteer practical
 Get current info on our local Channel 10
 What should be in individual kits? Who are the individuals?
 Identify “neighborhoods”
 Identify interested and effective leaders in those neighborhoods
 Basic training in disaster survival & rescue skills
 What exactly are the current plans – where to find them?
 Definition of “neighborhood”; i.e., population, supplies, age groups, health conditions, etc.
 Need knowledge of where to find information
 All emergency groups need to be able to talk
 Identify potential risks – seek out plan of action for risks – seek info
 Confirm existing resources, determine what is needed, prioritize
 What will work during emergency – AM radio
 What communication equipment & plans are now in effect w/what agencies
 Where training is available, who in neighborhood is trained
 What are the plans and how can they be publicized?
 Identify major assistance folks in each area of Ojai
 Available information about existing disaster plans – local and county
 Best way to get the information to the people
 How prepared are citizens? How to communicate effectively with citizens
 Preparar las personas arer mas juntas
 Individuals plan their food, water, etc.

2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

Make up and distribute where ER kits are available for purchase
 Money and time for individuals to be trained
 Define neighborhoods and neighborhood coordinators
 HAM radios? Handheld radios, batteries
 Volunteers for training and communication
 Information to communicate in various languages
 News articles, radio announcements, mailed info
 Planners, trainers, coordinators
 Staff time of expert on topic/consultants
 Fire Department or Sheriff outreach – Get churches/temples involved
 Money
 Communicate Plans
 People w/info to share; basic supplies for a large group
 State financial support
 Good organizational ability, resident info, training
 What steps are needed for each type of disaster & how to implement each
 How citizens can best get info.

Use existing ER
Communication tools, time
Dedicated time by city and county
Mailings, radio dedicated stations to turn to
Newspapers, radio, TV
Teams to organize getting communication out
Put in low power AM transmitter
Volunteers, professional to train
Support from medical community
City, local Ventura government, law enforcement
Get people involved who are willing to take CERT
Easy, functional system & training how to use it
Meetings & Information to discuss & get volunteers involved with local authorities
Individual purchases of basic food and emergency supplies
Neighborhood captains – CERT trained
Funding for implementation of CERT program
Detailed emergency info on refrigerator magnets, large ones like the ones for
trash pick up
Volunteers to organize initial effort
Block volunteers & a training program
Leaders – 2 per neighborhood, teachers
Taskforce coordination; implementation of web-based media distribution
applications
Public meetings, school student training, local tv station
Cost of community
CERT
Classes, maps, tv prog. Ch 10, fire department participation
City, County, Radio, Mail, Websites – updated hourly , Newspapers
Finish the steps identified; i.e. Reverse 911
Do all valley residents have telephone? Land lines/cell?
Resources already applied for FEMA – adequate?
Maps
Need volunteer to take CERT courses – could start with this group
Communications within the neighborhoods
Money, planning time, space
Probably money, mostly
Train neighborhood residents to assist
People willing to serve as neighborhood leaders
Laminate cards with emergency info – mail to each resident
Funds
City and County disaster plans
CERT training, demographic data
HAM radios & trained operators
Reverse 911 system
Group discussion to address issues
People

AM radio – phone books - internet
Bring all those entities together to plan
Packets for each household
Identify special needs folks
Communication tools – radio, internet (Ojai post), phone – multiple systems in case emergency knocks one or more down
Communication
CERT – communication – “local radio, tv, phone – all resources
Money
Polls
Boluntad de personas
Use newspaper, tv, etc. to inform the public about preparedness

3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal.

Coordinator
Workshops to train individuals
Neighborhood meetings
Get together
Improving communication in neighborhoods
Putting CERT program in place
Provide funding
Produce/Make materials (DVD) and mailout to everyone & written document too
Start with announced “kick off” date, say “Valley Wide Safety Day” to raise profile of prep
Identify agency to implement
1. Train individuals, 2. Organize neighborhoods, (use Voter reg to start), 3. Leaders, 4. Assess what we have; i.e., Arbolada has been having block parties for 5 years to make us better responsible to one another, 5. Assign roles
Repetition – coordination between county and city
Contact w/ citizens (mail, media) identify neighborhood leaders, inclusive training
Available shelters, emergency supplies & how to distribute them
What’s needed in each disaster& who is in charge of each program
Satellite radio communication system
Mailings to valley residents
Review present plans, update
Organizations in community to have all information for communication
Good location for transmitter
Local publicity
Increase size, increase permanent & emergency staff
Local meeting, newspaper articles, email info
Implement CERT training in Valley
A Plan – Cost estimates – Fundraiser
Government at all levels develop an integrated system and method for use
Neighborhood meetings

Organization

Call town meeting – get volunteers

Community-wide radio station

Start a taskforce; Reverse 911

City and county team coordination

Prepare neighborhood watch type programs – volunteer leader

CERT training

Coordinate with VCFD before any program started

Emergency services personnel start to work together on parallel projects

Find entity to run and maintain

Neighborhood meeting resources for emergency

Increase community's knowledge of services available & assure funding

Taker CERT courses, advertise

City and Fire Department involvement

Share current ability of hospital, develop expansion plan

Raise money

BBQ to bring neighbors together & incorporate training

Requires multiple leaders who have time & dedication

Identify addresses, what info, group to prepare brochure

Neighborhood meetings, handouts

Determine the plans, Identify means of communicating

Media blitz

Getting everyone to cooperate

Research in cities that have used this system and its effectiveness

Set up town meeting and discuss issues

Strong radio signal – awareness of radio channel

Federal, State & Local

Print & disseminate packets

Contact local radio, tv & other HAM sets, etc.

Put together a brochure for distribution through schools, meetings, etc.

Public education campaign

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Education, block captains in every neighborhood

Third Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: October 28, 2007

Disaster Preparedness



Spring Meeting Individual and Table Response Summary:

Information needed:

- Types of disasters and survival strategies
- Pamphlets on how to prepare, what should be in individual kits, check lists
- Basic training in disaster preparedness and response
- Recruit CERT members and coordinators
- Get widespread participation of residents being prepared
- Develop communication systems
- When are CERT classes scheduled
- When are other training classes scheduled
- Maps of neighborhoods
- Neighborhood plans
- Identify resources

Resources needed:

- Info on where Emergency kits are available for purchase
- Volunteers for training
- News articles, radio announcements, mailers
- Planners, trainers, coordinators
- CERT
- Leaders
- Maps
- Low power AM transmitter
- Reverse 911
- Communication

Emergency Communications



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Food and Water in an Emergency



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3 Actions

you should take to be prepared in emergencies



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Preparing for Disaster



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New Red Cross Volunteers needed!
Free training!!
Learn to be a Disaster Action Team (DAT)
Member for the American Red Cross and
help your community at the time of need!!!

When: Saturday & Sunday, January 26 & 27

Time: 8:30 -5:30 pm daily

Where: The ARC Enrichment Center

Address: 210 Canada Street, Ojai

Saturday, January 26	
ARC Orientation* Learn what Red Cross offers	8:30 am – 9:30 am
Intro. to Disaster Services* Learn what Disaster Services does	9:30 am – 10:30 am
Mass Care Overview* Overview on feeding and shelter needs	10:45 am – 12:15 am
Disaster Action Team Workshop How the DAT Team works and where you fit in	1:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Sunday, January 27	
Shelter Operations Learn about how a shelter is set up	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Shelter Simulation Tabletop exercise putting it all together	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
DAT operations presentation Sign up information	5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

*Prerequisite to other classes

Limited seating, reservations necessary
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Community Disaster Responses:

Arbolada and Foothill Rd

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Hospital, Continuity of Care, Condos, Continuation of Pop.- Age, Two Story, Foothill-Elderly

(3) What are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities?

Foothill- single road out, Livestock- horses and llamas

(4) What are our neighborhood resources?

Hospital, swimming pools

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

(7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood?

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

(8)b Who is willing to do CERT?

(9) How can we make an effective CERT team for our neighborhood?

Hold training at local neighborhood place

(10) Who is willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator?

Other Comments:

Include both sides of street in same CERT group: Rec. Neighborhood block parties as organizing tool and linking neighbors.

East City of Ojai

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Gables (Area 2), Acacias (Area 12), Topa Topa (Area 5), The Manor (Area 12), OVCNS Preschool (Area 9), Chaparral and Preschool (Area 12), Villa Ojai (Area 9), Assisted Living (Area 12), Rec. Dept (Area 7), Athletic Club, children (Area 11).

(3) What are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities?

Horses (Area 2, 3a, 4), Human Society (11), City Viaduct (2), Water Basin (3a), Foothills (3a, 2, 4, 5, 6), Large Brush Area (3a), San Antonio Creek (1)

(4) What are our neighborhood resources?

Fire Station (1), Irrigation Supply/Lumber Yard (1), Sarazotti Park (7), Topa Topa School (5), Medicine Shoppe (12), Ojai Pharmacy (3b), Ranger Station (1), OUSD office (12), Shelters: Baptist Church (8), Bowling Alley Parking Lot (1)

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

Steve Sallen-- Vet (3a), Phil Nemy-- CPR Emer. Rescue (3a), Dr. Sims (9), Dr. Williamson (10), Dr. Nelson (1), Dr. Barnes--OBGYN (1), John Creighton-- Electrician (6), Mike Woll-- Firefighter (12),

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

Hilgers—Heavy Equipment (11), Adamsons Towing (11), Emergency Generator (4, 11), Copus Paving--Backhoes (11), Water Wells (4, 2)

(7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood?

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

(8)b Who is willing to do CERT?

(9) How can we make an effective CERT team in our neighborhood?

(10) Who is willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator?

Other Comments:

East End

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Mitchell Home

(3) What are our other neighborhood

Pets, Livestock, Tortoise Preserve,

(4) What are our neighborhood vulnerabilities?

Big Water Tank (Reeves and Mc Andrew Rd), Siete Robles Water Tank, Thacher School water uptake.

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

Marsha Alstot-- Nurse on Mc Nell Rd, Al Stroberg- Betsy Patterson-Schlomo Raz--MDs, Michael Weaver--CERT, Badaoui Mouderrres--First Aid and CPR

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

Harry Thompson gravel business on McNell, Hermitage Ranch equipment, Larry Hagman's helicopter plane, Topa Topa Ranch Bobcat.

(7) Who might be good contact people in our

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

(8)b Who is willing to do CERT

(9) How can we make an effective CERT team in our neighborhood?

(10) Who is willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator?

Other Comments:

Meiners Oaks

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Senior Care Facility on Lomita, Hispanic Population, Meiners Oaks School, Low income houses, Oak Grove School, Nordhoff High School, Smart start

(3) What are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities?

3 large water tanks, Flooding issues, Oso Ranch, RR Ranch, Fairview and 33 Horses,

Water Infrastructure, Overhead Utilities, River bottom is a threat because of dam, lack of access (roads in and out), Earthquake fault

(4) What are our neighborhood resources?

#22 Fire Station @Lomita, Generators @Tico Rd, OVSD Radio Communications, Pool @ Nordhoff, Nordhoff for evacuation, Meadows- Open Space, Cal Trans yard, Residential pools, Vons (Resource)

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

Sheriff- Mark Lopez, Carl Gross MD, Richard Hultner MD, Nurse- Carol Smith and Shabid McGregor, Police- Bauer and Marr (Off Carillo), Nurse- Ellie Nelson and Marrilee Sherman, Contractor- Reggie

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

Larry Harold- Padre Juan- Oso Rd, Krotona has tractor, Water District has equipment and personnel, Motor Homes by Vons

(7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood?

Ham Operators and Bi-linguals

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

List CERT people on large map

(8)b Who is willing to do CERT?

(9) How can we make an effective CERT team in our neighborhood?

(10) Who is willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator?

Other Comments:

Mira Monte

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Schools: Montessori, Mira Monte; Mobile Home Parks: Senior MHP; Water Tanks

(3) What are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities?

Horses, livestock, River bottom, Creek Rd, Barrancas, Long term Care center

(4) What are our neighborhood resources?

Fire Station, Helipad @Help of Ojai West Campus

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

Dr. Halvorson, Robin Shedlosky- VC Fire Dept. Paramedic Sup.

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

(7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood?

Pete Shedloski, Bob Music, Kent and Camille Houston

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

Kenneth Williams

(8)b Who is willing to do CERT?

(9) How can we make an effective CERT team in our neighborhood?

Letters, Church Project, Personal Contacts, Communications: Radio, Paper

(10) Who is willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator?

Other Comments:

Oak View

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Sunset Elementary, Forest Home Ministries, Daycare on Park (Church), Autumn Years, Private Elder Care Facility on Riverside, Daycare on E. Oak View Ave, Home Daycare on Santa Ana, Home Daycare on Burnham.

(3) What are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities?

Livestock and horses in all areas

(4) What are our neighborhood resources?

Fire Station, Tres Condados, Oak View Community Center, Brooks Campus, Sheriff substation off Canada Larga, Pump House on Santa Ana Blvd, LRP Ranch- Lewis Richard Price, Oak View Resource Center, Forest Home Ministries

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

Nurse- Theresa Hartigan- Ashby Ct., Peace Officer- Graham Jeffrey- Ashby Ct., Firefighter-Lance Cross- Ashby Ct.

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

(7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood?

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

(8)b Who is willing to do CERT?

(9) How can we make an effective CERT team in our neighborhood?

(10) Who is willing to be a volunteer contact coordinator?

Other Comments:

West City of Ojai

(2) What populations are vulnerable?

Several nursing homes, ARC, Pres. Church, Acacias, Manor, Gables, Retired community living alone (Crestview Area)

(3) What are our other neighborhood vulnerabilities?

Close to forest

(4) What are our neighborhood resources?

Help, Police station, Starr Market, Westlyan Church

(5) Any neighbors with special skills?

Builder, Ham Radio, Chiropractor, CERT, Red Cross, Pediatrician, First Aid, Electrician, Firefighter, Social Worker

(6) Any neighbors with useful equipment?

4 wheel Drive, Motor Homes, Towing

(7) Who might be good contact people in our neighborhood?

(8)a Who has completed CERT training?

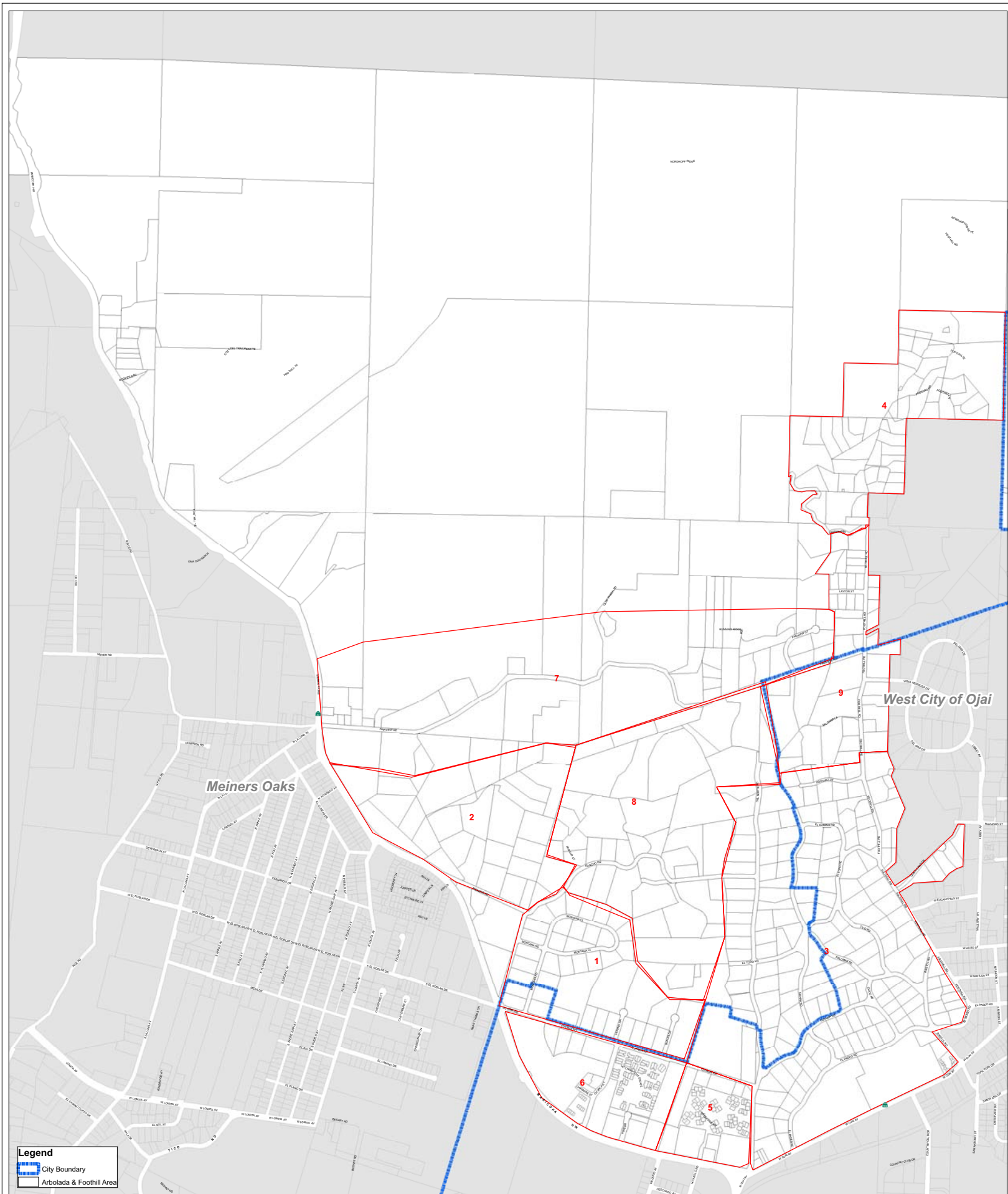
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Other Comments:

Community Maps with Neighborhoods Suggested by Participants



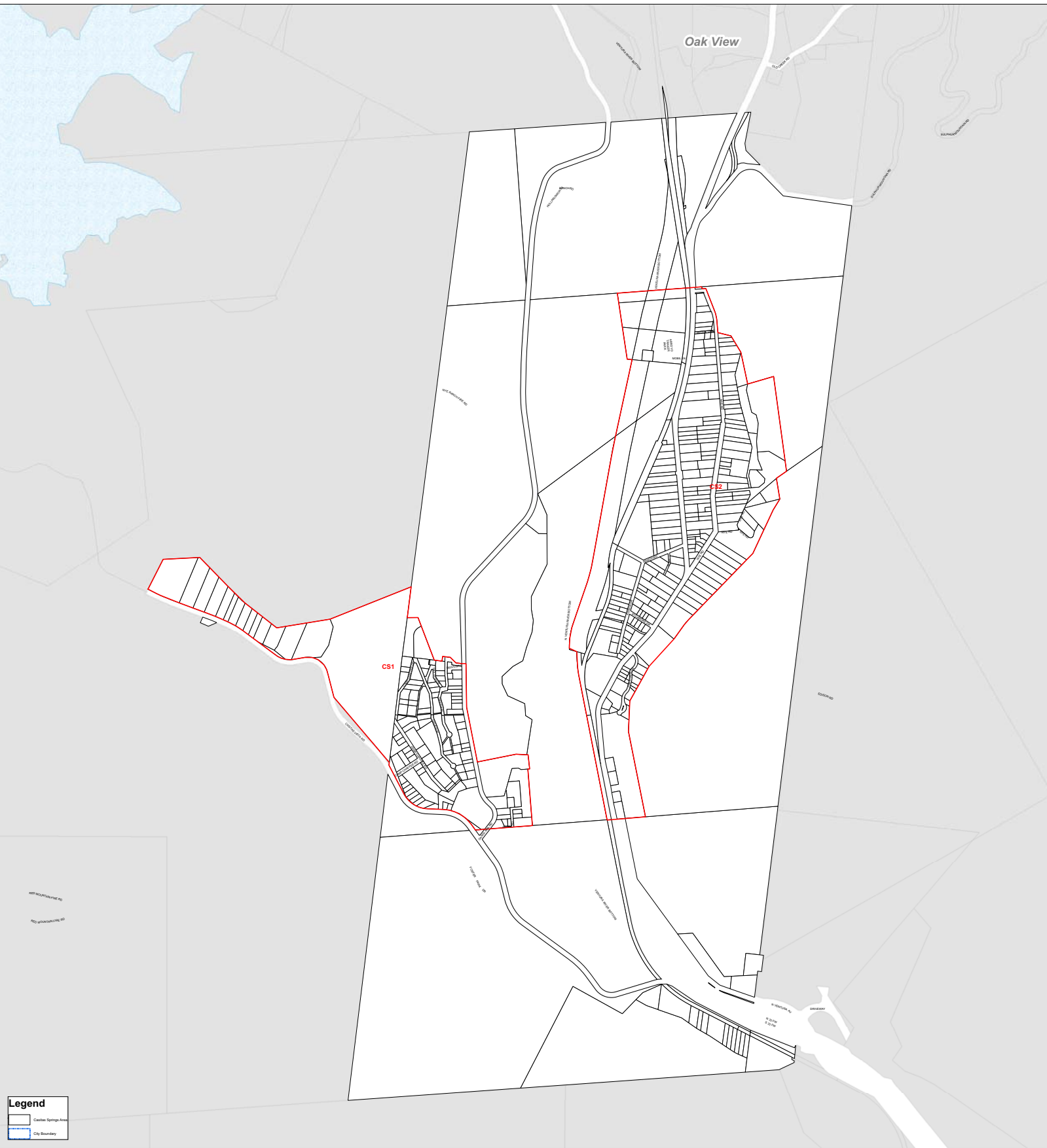
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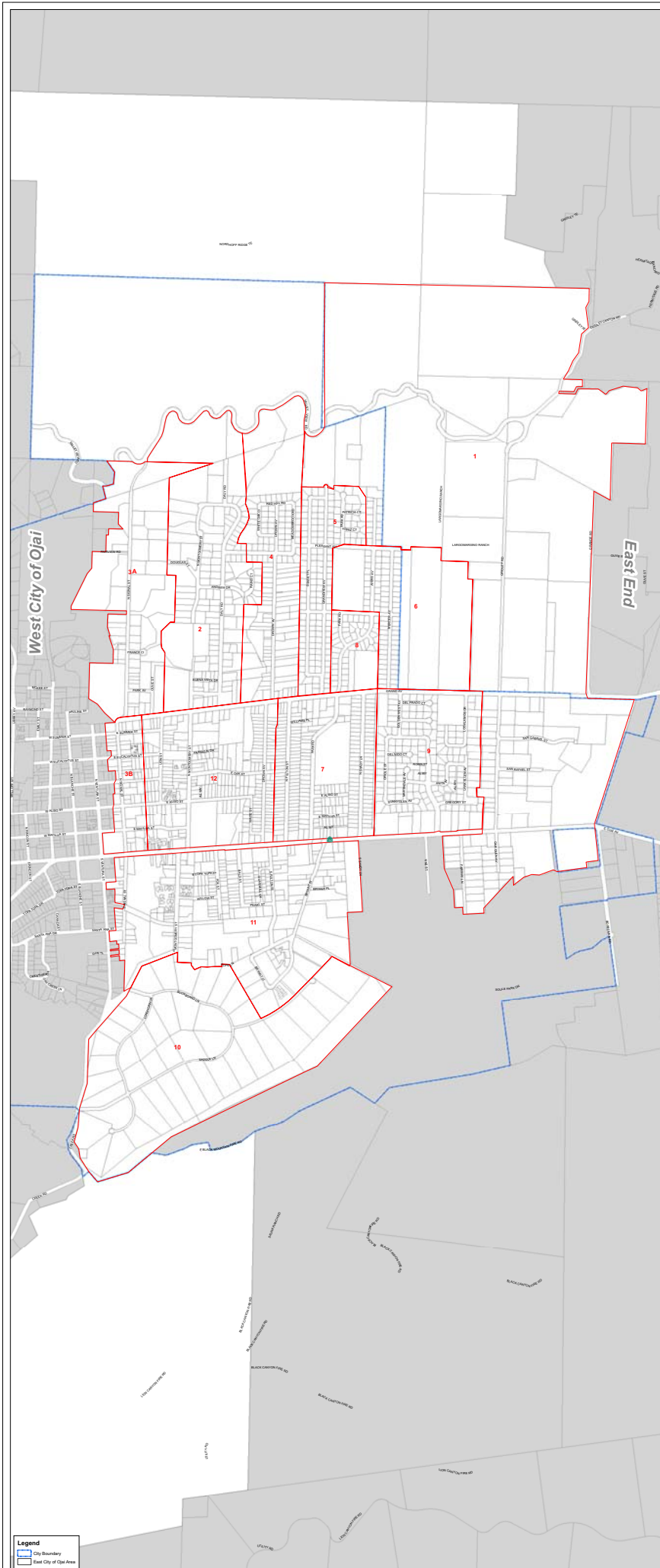
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- City Boundary



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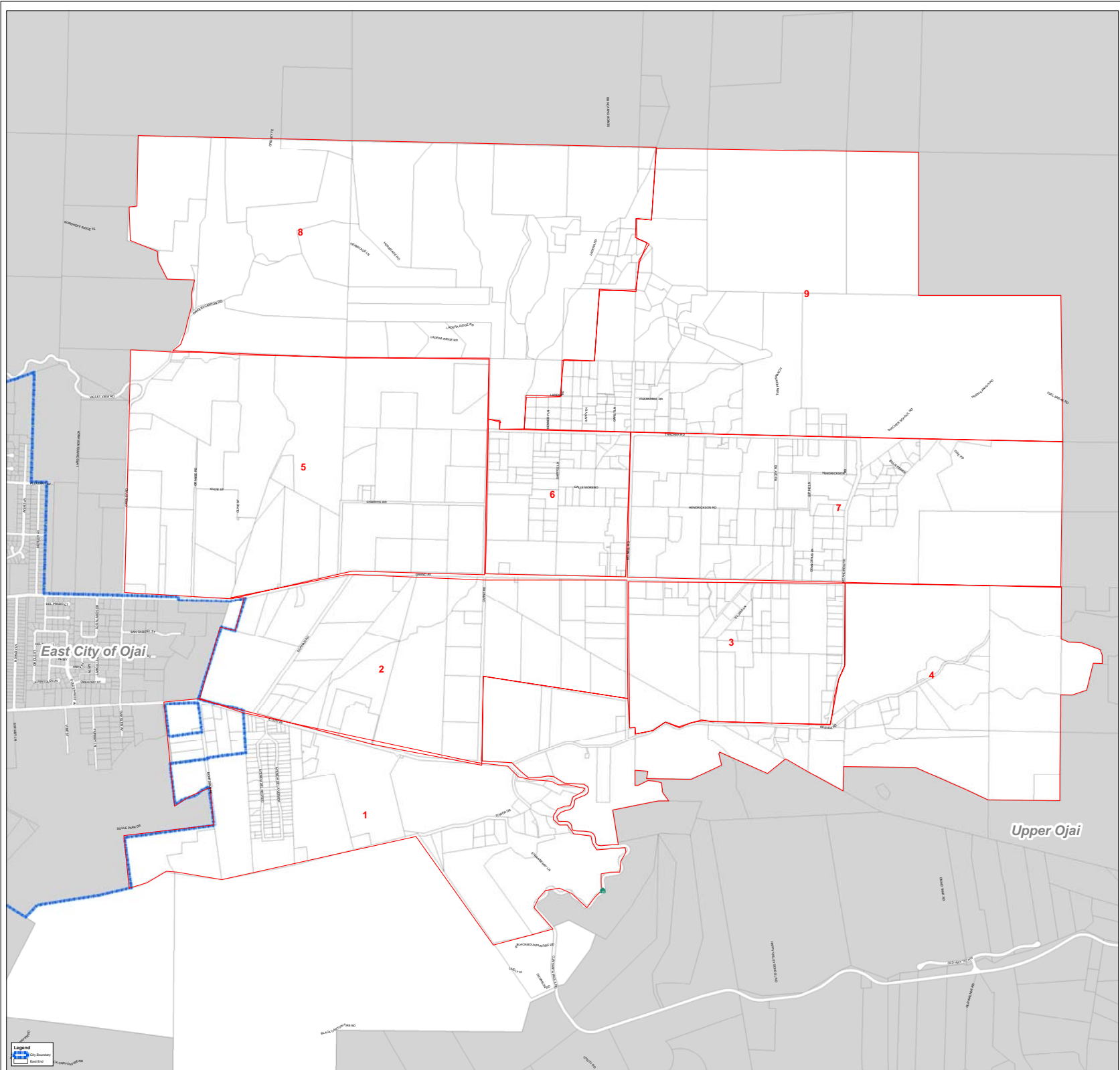
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**East City of Ojai
Neighborhoods**

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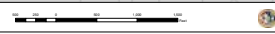


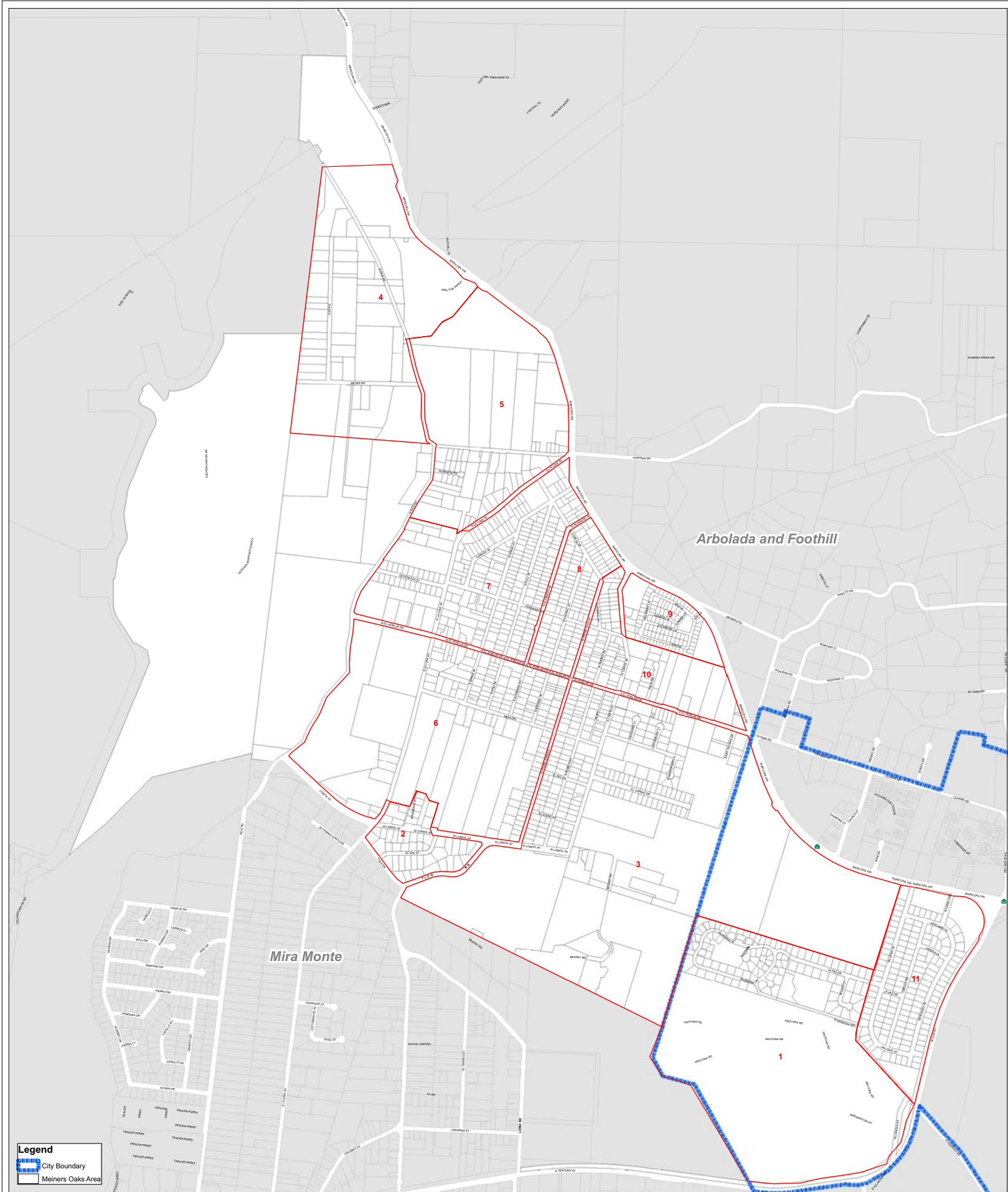


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- City Boundary
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East End Neighborhoods (as suggested by tables)



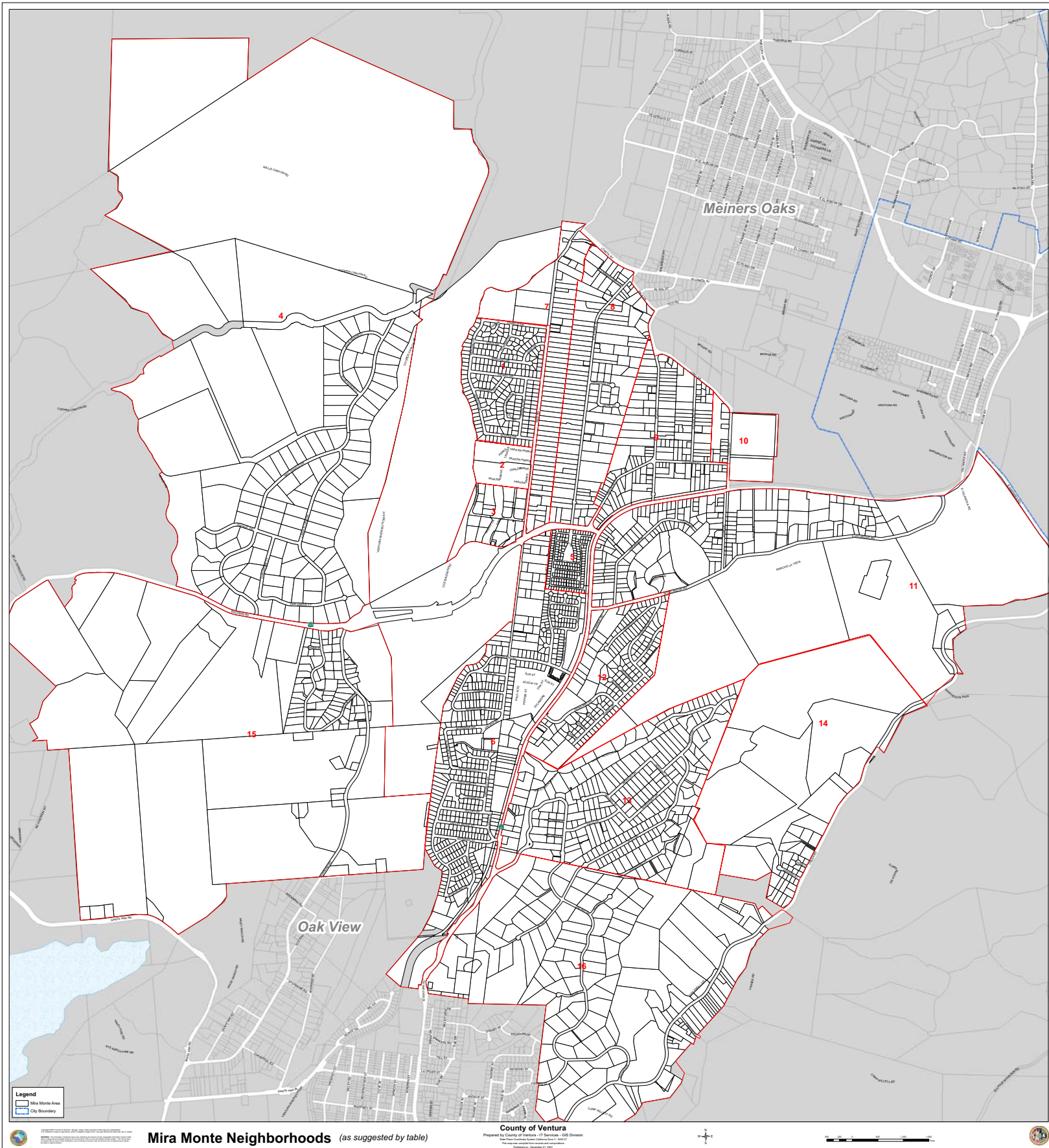


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City Boundary
Meiners Oaks Area

Meiners Oaks Neighborhoods (as suggested by table)

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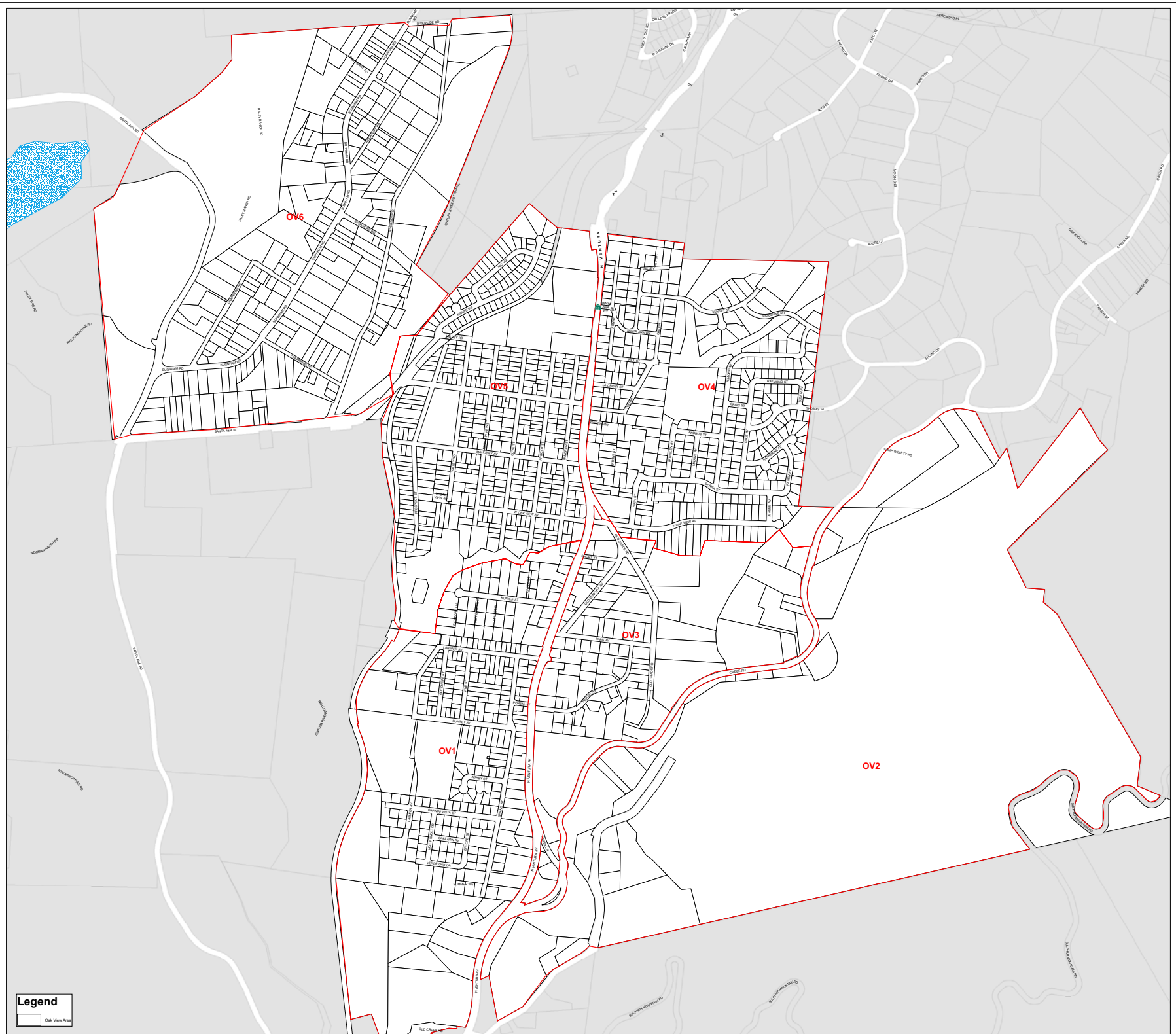


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Mira Monte Area
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Mira Monte Neighborhoods (as suggested by table)

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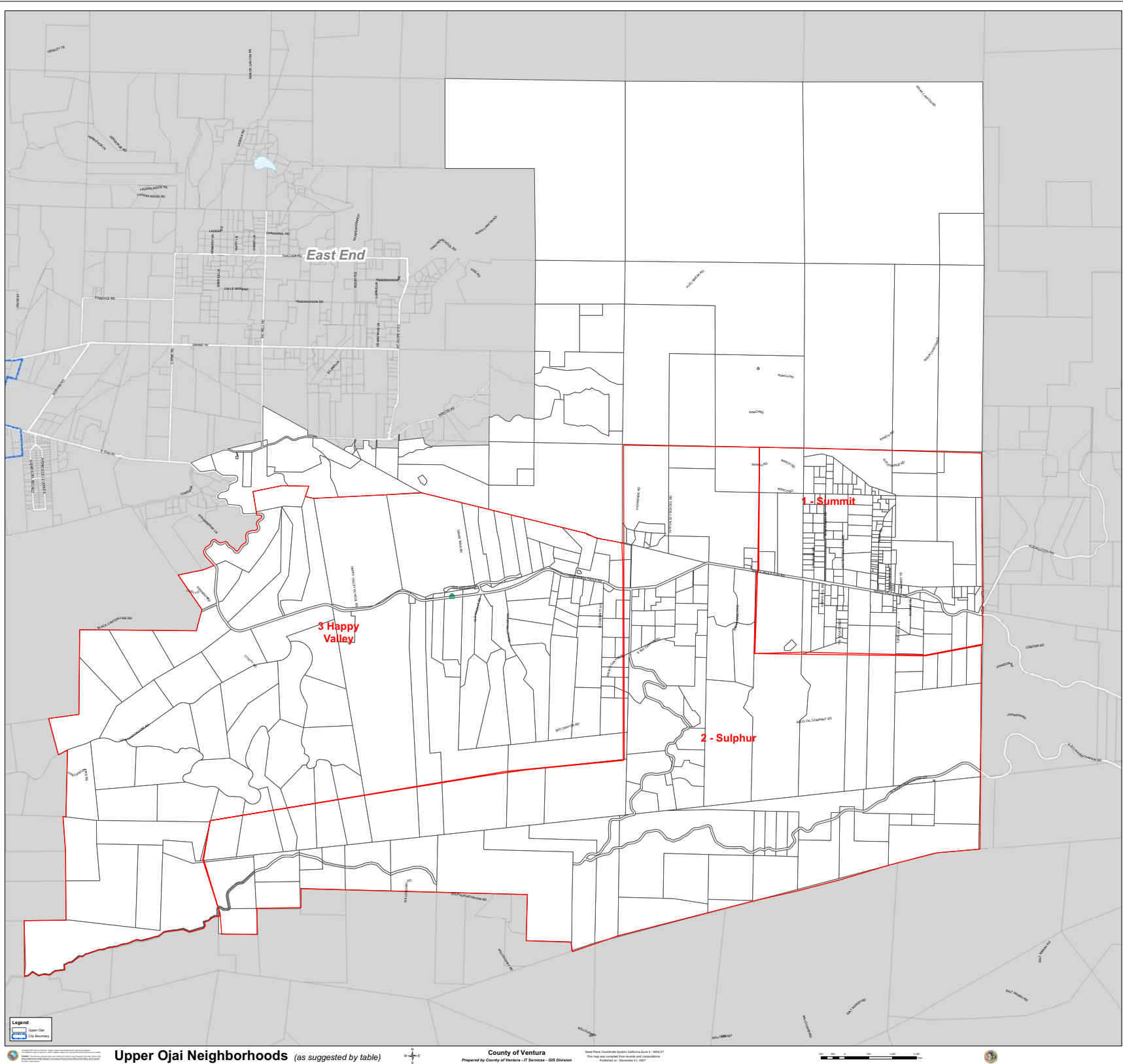
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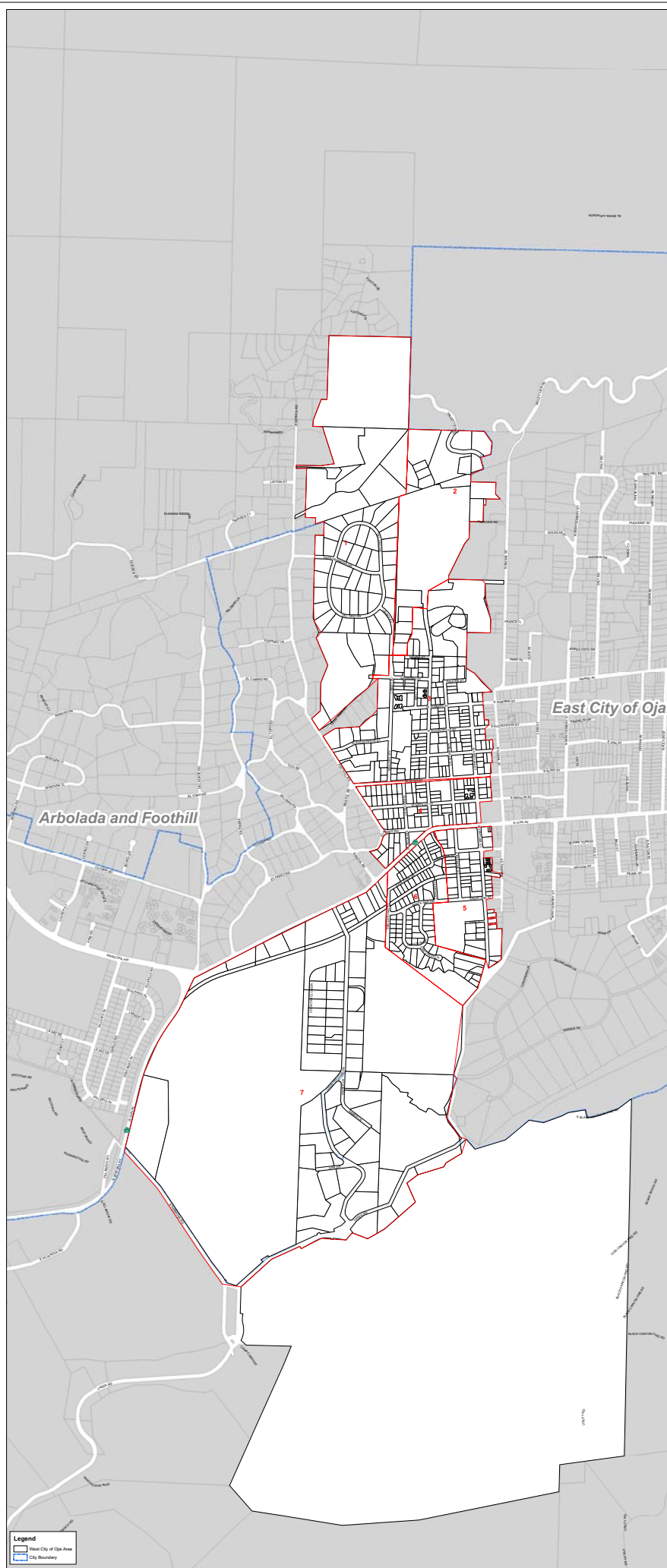
 Oak View Area

Oak View Neighborhoods (as suggested by table)

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		<u>(2) What populations are vulnerable?</u>	<u>(3) What are other neighborhood vulnerabilities?</u>	<u>(4) What are our neighborhood resources?</u>	<u>(5) Any neighbors with special skills?</u>	<u>(6) Useful equipment?</u>	<u>(7) Good contact people?</u>	<u>(8)a Have you completed CERT training?</u>	<u>(8)b Are you willing to complete CERT training?</u>	<u>(9) Suggestions for an effective CERT team?</u>	<u>(10) Volunteer contact coordinator?</u>
<u>Arbolada and Foothill Rd</u>											
George	Berg	Elderly Living Alone	Livestock	Pools Hospitals	PHY - Yes Other - Association of Phone #'s	4 wheel - yes	George Berg	Yes - George	yes - gail	In individual home or neighborhood	
Bob	Roe	Frail or Elderly	Pets	Need Generator		Jim Maxwell		No	Yes	4 People at this meeting	
James	Lashly										
Marty	Fujita	Yes Ojai Valley School	Pets, horses, llamas other livestock	Fire hydrants swimming pools, ponds, spas	Phy: Skanky, Favvre	4Wheel - Yes Motor Home - Yes	Judy Bysshe Kari Climer Fred Favvre Raelynne Rein Lisa Adair Kari Griffee	No	Maybe DVD	Arvolada Block Party Committee. We have our own directory - easily adaptable for communications.	Yes
Haven	Whipple		Fairview is a large geographic area to cover with spread out homes.					No			
Bob	Daddi				Firefighter Fire Safe Council						Yes
Gail	Topping	Elderly living alone	Livestock	Pools Hospital	PHY - Yes Other - Association of Phone #'s	4 Wheel - Yes	George Berg	Yes - George	Yes - Gail	In individual homes in neighborhood	Gail Berg to get it started #4 Block party annual meeting area party
Judy	Bysshe				Farevre/Feiss						
Susan N.	Broidy	6 Frail and elderly	Pets	Hospital and Swimming pools		Tow tractor in Creekside- Chris? Works for Adamson			Yes	Will appear in our community newsletter	Yes

Diane	Duncan		Pets & Livestock Lots of Brush trees, overload or hospital in crisis. Potential lack of fire hydrants dur to begin in county Us. City	Good exit paths church road. Del Norte, Marpa Hwy, The Hospital	At Hospital		Arnold & Mary Detner George Lesiale Ted Gall	No	Yes - Can do it in Ojai	Have training locally @ school or chruuch in ventura.	Yes
Carol	Garra mone	Frail - Elderly	Pets	Across from Nordoff High School - Near Hospital		Motor Homes - Yes		No	Yes - Considering (need dates)	More 1 on 1 neighbor meetings (mandatory)	Yes - would co- ordinate with another neighbor.
Rae	Hanstad	Yes Yes Day Care		Hospital Swimming Pool	Tradesmen - Yes	4 Wheel - Yes Motor Home - Yes	Myself, rose Boggs, Sam Williams	No	Yes	Creekside board & Members meeting	Yes Rose Boggs Huora "Sam" Williams
Judy	Macy	No	Pets, Chickens, horse	no	Other- Therapeutic and Healing touch			No	Yes		Yes, however we are in NY June-Mid Oct.
Barbara	Washburn	Elderly, pets, Children				Small tractor, 4 wheel drive- Barbara Washburn		No	Yes	Use our Arbolada directory to contact possible candidates	Yes
Paul	McConnaughey	Frail - Yes	Pets - Yes		Other - Safty Specialist	Other - Chain Saw	Michelle Buchanan	No	Yes		Yes
Michelle	Buchman	Elderly, Frail	Pets, Horses (2) Goats(2)	generator, saws, water, we all know each other & get together	Dr. Coyle, Kris Young Dr. Wilson's Judy Coyle	Truck Buchmans Pool, Fire Ext, Flash Lights	Pat McConnaugh ey, Jim Lashley, Ed Buchman	No	Yes - will be gone Jan - March	Have neighbors leave flier & talk to each other, have block party	maybe
Kristopher	Young	?	Creek?	?			?		Yes		
Peggy	La Cerra	Frail or Elderly - Yes	Pets & Livestock	A water pump	Physician - Pediatric Allergist Psychiatrist, psychologist	tractor - Multiple Other - Swimming Pool (1919 Meiners Rd.	Tony Hirsch - Ped Allergist	No	Yes	Block Party to get everyone's attention. Ask for volunteers. Have games for cooperation.	Check with neighbors.

Carl	Thelander	Ojai Valley School	Lots of pets, some livestock	None that I know of	Physician- Dr. Wayne Skankey	4-wheel Drive- Carl Thelander	Judy Bysshe	No	No	Call a meeting at same time as block party	
Libby	Bradley	Frail and Elderly Population	Horses, winery, dogs	Swimming Pools			Laurie Barnett, Art and Sally Lemire	No		Newspaper	Laurie Barnett, Art and Sally Lemire
Elizabeth	McConnaughey	Frail or Elderly Living Alone	Pets & Livestock		Aware of 3 Physician Registered Occ. Therapist (retired)	Chain Saw		No	Yes	Block Parties	Paul McConnaughey Kris Young
Gerry	Roe	Frail and Elderly living alone	Pets only	No- Need a generator	Other- Swimming pool	Motor homes- Jim Maxwell	Joan Bloom	No	Yes	4 people at this meeting	
<u>East City of Ojai</u>											
Noel	Douglas	Yes, my block alone has two-three frail elders living alone and a 6-bedroom home for disabled elders		Fire station, good lighting when juice is available, flat with wide streets	Nurse- Nancy Brooks		I am new here, but I pledge to take the CERT training	No	Yes	6-12 household introductory meetings (salon) and block party	
Nancy	Kurland	Topa Topa Elementary	Pets			4 wheel drive		No	Yes		
Kathy	Zotnowski-Nemy	Gables, The Manor, Acacias	Neighbors with horses		CPR- Phil Nemy, Marriage and Family Therapist- Me, Vetrinarian- Steve Sallen, France Circle		Phil Nemy	No	Yes		
Karen	Schmidt	Mrs. Pridmore on Park Rd, Community Center			Tradesmen- Cullen Robertson	4 wheel drive, motor homes on Matilija St.		No	Yes	May need to enlarge the neighborhood boundaries/ merge with neighborhood to north or east	Yes
Gene	Volkerding	School	No	No	Handyman, Landscaping		Ron McFarlan	No	Yes		

Christine	Golden	Gray Gables, Acacias	Horses, pets, farmette animals, close to foothills		Dr. Nelson	Hilgers-Tractor, Joe and Sondra	C. Golden	Yes		Neighborhood Meeting	Yes
Jack	Smith										
Mike	Daley	Topa Topa School,			Landscaper	Bob cat- Mike Daley, Large Trucks- Mike Daley		No	Yes		Yes
Phil	Nemy	Senior Center, Remote houses on large properties	Pets, young kids, lost of brush and trees, businesses that may or may not have local owners	Don't know too new to neighborhood			Me! I am happy to coordinate recruiting of CERT team	No	Yes	Monthy social meetings in CERT areas with guest speakers and give-aways	Yes
Katherine	Hope		Horses		Vetrinarian-France Circle	4 wheel drive-France Circle	Barclay Hope	No	No	"Party"	
Peter	Cantle	Several older frail people	San Antonio Creek Levee (Between Grand and Ojai Ave)	County Fire Station	Debbie Brook (Chiro), Self-CPR	A couple with motor homes	Peter Cantle, Troy Garst, Hank Maynard, Jim Exon	No	Yes		
Jim	Becket		Pets	Human	CPR, Electrician	4-wheel drive	Joel Berkowitz, Nate Sinclair	No	Yes		
Caryn	Bosson	Topa Topa Elementary					Caryn Bosson, Mike Daley, Ruth Cooper	No	Yes	Mike and Caryn are planning to be Neighborhood Foresters- We could combine that with promoting CERT training	Yes

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Susan	Jackson	St. Joseph's Retirement Center, Monica Ros School, San Antonio School, Thacher School, Ojai Valley School (upper campus)	Thacher school horses		Physician- Al Strobery, Betsy Patterson			No			
Nancy Wyatt	Main Harris			Pools	Physician- Stroberg, Patterson, Nurse- Marsha Alstot (McNeil)			No	No		
John	Kertis	San Antonio School	Levee, Pets and livestock					No	?		
Claudia	Harris	Monica Ros School, San Antonio school, Thacher School, OVS, St Joseph's	Horses, Bridges and creek fords on McNeil and Grand, all creek banks	Water tank, well at Siete Robles, Ranch equipment	Physician- Stroberg and Patterson, Nurse- Marsha Alstot			No	No		
James Muriel	Jackson Lavender	Thacher School, Mitchell School, Monica Ros, San Antonio School	Horses throughout area		Firefighter- Richard Wilson (Retired)			No	Yes	Have a meeting for each area	Yes, I am willing
Holly	Roberts	Some Elderly	Thacher Creek Flooding	Well	CPR-Badaeui Mouderrres, Electrician- John Hartmann	Tractor- Kathryn Wechter, Bob Cat- Kathryn Wechter, 4-wheel drive, Motor Homes, Back hoe	Traci David	No	Yes		Yes
A. Michael	Weaver					Tractor- Topa Topa- Al West		Yes			

Susan	Weaver	Schools- OVS, Thacher, Monica Ros, San Antonio; St. Joseph's, Mitchell Home; Elderly living alone	Baranca, Livestock, pets			Tractor- Topa Topa Ranch, Bob Cat- Topa Topa Ranch		No	Yes		Yes
Roger	Essick	St. Joseph's, San Antonio, Monica Ros, OVS, Thacher			Physician- Fred Menninger, Al Stroberg, Ian McLean; CPR- D. Bauer	All types- Larry Thompson		No	Yes	Area meetings	
Pat	Essick		Livestock, lots of pets	Privately owned generators	Physician- Dr. Menninger, Al Stroberg; Nurse- Pricilla; Mechanic- Ramiro; CPR and First Aide Equipment- Dwayne Bower			No	Yes	Have a party or informational meeting, invite your neighbors and explain	Yes, I'd be willing to contact people for initial meeting. Larry Hartmann would be a great person.
Kathy	Broesamle	2 schools	Pets, horses, tortoise preserve, Mitchell Home		Physician- Shlomo Raz, Stroberg, Ian MacLean; Nurse- Patterson	Tractor- Larry Thompson; Bob Cat- Gravel business	Pat and Larry Hartmann, Dean Adams, Dwayne Bower	No	No	Distribute appeal flyers to mailboxes and have a meeting	
Nathaniel	Wolper				CPR-Myself as of 03				Yes		
Rita Norma	DiPaulo		Floods		Nurse, Two firefighters, Electrician- John Hartman,	Tractor- Jess Long					
Roderick	Greene	San Antonio School	San Antonio Creek along Reeves Rd, Horses, Livestock			I have a jeep		Yes			Yes

John	Broesamle	Schools (San Antonio); Frail and elderly (St. Joseph's)	Close Proximity to open country, Chapparal	Fire Station (East Ojai Ave)	Physician- Shlomo Raz, Al Stroberg, Betsy Patterson (McNeill Rd.); Ian Mac Lean (Carne Rd.)	All types- Larry Thompson		No	No		Dean Adams
<u>Meiners Oaks</u>		Information for Meiners Oaks will be posted as it becomes available.									
Maria	Parisen										
Russ	Baggerly										
Rich	Handley										
Melissa	Cherry										
Jeff	Bennett										
Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten										
Carol	Smith										
Joslyn	Wood										
Joan	Roberts										
Don	Midgett										
Donna	Turner										
Phillip	Culbert										
Stephanie	Midgett										
Bob	Unruhe										
<u>Mira Monte</u>											
Kale	Starbird	4 Mobile Home Parks, Mira Monte School	Livestock, Dense population	Help of Ojai/West Campus, Homeowners Assoc.				No	Yes		
Christopher	Bates		Livestock- yes	Fire Station - relatively close on La Luna, Grange Hall- Cruzero	Tradesmen	4 wheel drive		No	Yes	Contact by letter from city and county to invite participation- describe needs. Have it signed by fire and police chief	Yes
Patrick	Gorey		Livestock				Unknown	No	No		No

Sharon	Hixson	2 Trailer Parks- Many elderly, dense population	Edge of river bed, potential landslides and flooding, Fire danger from river bed, livestock		Tradesmen- yes	Tractor, 4 wheel drive, motor homes, back hoes	Denise Kowan, 1235 Ferrara Dr. 646-5836	No	Cannot	Distribute fliers to the specific area- ask for volunteers	Denise Kowan or Tom and Nanette Benbrook
Joyce M. Miriam	Mc Williams Rosen	Mira Valle MHP, Del Francia MHP, Mira Monte Elementary School, Riverbed					Help of Ojai, Rotary Club	No	Yes	Put flyers in banks, markets, OV News, Channel 10, Community Meetings	Possibly, will ask them first
Becky	Benard	Elderly living alone	Pets and Livestock, water tank			Tractor, bob cat, 4 wheel drive, motor homes, back hoe		No	Yes	Call a neighborhood meeting and discuss	
Todd Sean	Wilson Kellythorne	4 Mobile Home Parks- mostly 55+		Ojai Help- West Campus	Tradesmen- Handyman, Haz Mat and Emergency Responers, Amatuer radio operator	4 wheel drive- 2 or 3 units, 8 or 9 motor homes, Back hoe- trailers	Park Manager- Theresa 477- 8849, self	No	Yes		Yes
Sasha	Letterman	A school	Pets, Livestock	A fire station	A tradesman up La Luna	Tractor, Motor Homes		No	Yes		
Franna	McClelland	Many people in senior living			Firefighter- Retired, Electrician-- Patrick Bishop Golden Oaks #96		Lu Ann Schlichter, Norma Lamb, Franna McClelland	No	Yes	Have a community meeting in our club house. We meet for coffee every 1st Saturday.	
Jenny	Fristrup	Many elderly	Lots of cats and dogs, a few dozen horses	Water tanks on top of hill	Peace Officer, Many firefighters, Many tradesmen, lots of technical people	Bob Cat, 4- wheel drive, Motor Homes			Yes		I'm willing

Annika	Forester	Montessori school, 2 senior mobile home parks, non-english speakers	River, 150 Bridge over river, water company, vegetation- fire hazard, Power lines, Telephone lines, water/gas lines	West Campus- Help of Ojai, Montessori School	Nurse--Pam Rodriguez- Fierro Dr, Firefighter- Paul Rodriguez	Bob Cat- North of Rice and Fierro, Back Hoe- North of Rice and Fierro, Dump trucks		No	Yes	Mail, Newspaper, email campaign, followed by neighborhood canvassing, school communications	Yes
Javier	Ramirez										
Natalia	Moore	West Campus- Help of Ojai, Montessori School	Pets	Meiners Oaks Fire Station, Corner Market	Nurse- Mary Korn (Retired), Plumber, Builder, Repairman		Judy Schoco	No	Yes		
Patty	Mell			Have a generator in motor home	Nurse- Patty Mell	Mell's have a motor home		No	Maybe		
Lisa	Meeker	The mobile home parks provide concentration of seniors, Montessori school, West Campus	Livestock- Creek Rd, Ventura River Bridge, Creek Rd washout	Heli-pad at West Campus, 2 generators and space	Cement Mason on Creek Rd	Cody Evans lives on Creek Rd and operates big equipment	Staff at West Campus	No	Yes		
Sallie	Reynolds	Some frail elderly	pets, livestock	Nearest fire unit #22 at Lomita and La Luna	People are retired- Nurse, Firefighter, Tradesmen	Motor Homes		No	Yes	Call me for names	Norma Lamb
Ernest	Rischar		Steep slope- 100' Clearance, but still areas of brush	Pools	Firefighter	Tractor, Bob Cat		No	Yes		Yes
Marcia	Hester										
Catherine	Von Burg	Assisted Care facility	Ventura River, Large animals horses, etc. Proximity to wild lands- fire danger, Montessori School	Community Market, Corner Market, Help of Ojai	Building Contractor- Jon Cotham 2194 Los Encinos			No	Yes		

Kenneth	Williams	Senior Parks, schools	Water Mains 36", Gas Mains	Disaster plan within senior park and some emergency resources			Myself, willikey@roadrunner.com	Yes			Yes
Jon	Cotham	Assisted Care facility	Ventura River, Large animals horses, etc. Proximity to wild lands- fire danger, Montessori School	Community Market, Corner Market, Help of Ojai	Building Contractor- Jon Cotham 2194 Los Encinos			No	Yes		
Roy	Rodriguez	A school, Comm. Center, Rancho La Vista	Lots of Mobile Home Parks, Land, Ranches on river bottom, One road out of the valley		Physician- Yes, Peace Officer- Yes, Tradesmen- Yes	Tractor- Yes, 4-wheel drive- Yes, Motor Homes- Yes, Back Hoe- Yes	Mel Crow	No	Yes		Yes
Nilufer	Torun	Senior Center, school		A Fire Station	CPR-Nilufer Torun-240 Cruzero, Carpenter- Frank Morgan (Rice Rd) 223-3002	Landscaper on Loma has 4 pick-ups and 1 large truck- huge container	Myself	No	Yes	Ojai Community Church Program one Sunday after service or one evening, leaflets in each area	
Richard	Jones							No	Yes		
Caroline	Jones	County Honor Farm, Little House Senior Center, Mira Monte School	Pets, Livestock	Meiners Oaks Fire Station	Nurse- Caroline Jones	Motor Homes- Yes	Mr. Tenpenny	No	Yes	Need a better division of areas--double check	
Kenneth	Sandgren	Mobile Home Parks	Pets, water main off trail	Meiners Oaks Fire Station				No	Yes		

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Wayne	Pendrey	Rockway Autumn Years - 313 Riverside Rd.	Levee Pets Livestock Bridge Beaches	None	Trade - Yes	Tractor - Yes Bob Cat - Yes 4 Wheel - Yes Motor home - Yes Back hoe - Yes	Don't Know neighbors	No	Maybe - time issue	Community Survey and signups.	No
Aimee L	Eccles										
Leanna	Kennedy	elderly - 4 or 5 day care center	Hordes only 2 outlets	Many people have generators Fire Station	Trade - Many Other - Cook	Tractor - 5 in area 4 Wheel - Appox 10 Mortor Home - Yes 3 Back Hoe - Yes 2		No	Yes	Area meeting Area mailing	
Judy	Hohman	2 Children's day care center		American Legion, 2 Church's	Nurse - E. Oak View Ave Peace Officer - E. Oak View Trademan - E. Oak View Ave	Motor Home - E. oak view Back Hoe - E. Oak view		No	Yes		
Upper Ojai											
Julie	Hickey	Tons of vegetation and it's very dry	Tons of cats and dogs, some horses, goats, Lama and 1 elephant and 1 giraffe	Maybe Summit firestation is ours- maybe not- good question	I do miraculous energy work and comedy!	Motor Homes		No	Yes		
John	Long										
<u>West City of Ojai</u>											
Lynda M.	Pinizzotto	Elder care facilities (3)/ Spanish speakers and Apt area/ Elders in apt. complex	Pets, 3 horses on the corner of Bristol, ARC- Disabled citizens activity center	Chief Roper	CPR- Dale Hason		Sheri Cate, Dale Hanson, Don Nederhousen	No	Yes	Need Spanish speakers	No
Carol	Langford	Nursing home, ARC center			Tradesmen- Carpenter			No	Yes	Call for neighborhood meeting at someone's home	Yes

Joe	McAllister	We have the Mormon church and Episcopal Church					Larry Carlton, Glen Adamson, Chris Gfeller-Engineer, Tony Dalto-Dep. Sheriff	No	No		Todd Hoverson on Crestview Dr.
Betty	McAllister	We have the Mormon church and Episcopal Church					Larry Carlton, Glen Adamson, Chris Gfeller-Engineer, Tony Dalto-Dep. Sheriff	No	No		Todd Hoverson on Crestview Dr.
Tucker	Adams	Ojai Valley School Satellite, Ojai Valley Inn Visitors	Horses	Ojai Valley Inn	CPR	Tractor, 4 wheel drive	Tom McCullah	No			Tom McCullah
Kate	Russell	Developmentally delayed adults ARC	few elderly		Physican-Paul Russell, CPR- Kate Russell, Tradesmen-Todd Farmer, Therapists for special needs adults and children			No	Yes	Lets us know of meetings- Newspapers and phone call	Yes
Jane	Spiller	Asst. Living Blanche and Eucalyptus, Special Ed. School on Canada, ARC, most motels						No		Contact Apt. owners	Yes
Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre	Help of Ojai, school for disabled people on North Blanche		City Hall, police, starr market, country club, community garden at help	Contactora	Renters on South Blanche with Motor Home	Doug and Dulanie La Barre	Yes		Ask one person from each block to take CERT and other to at least watch DVD	I'd rather get my neighbor Corky Solow to do it, but I would do it if necessary

Dale	Hanson	Nursing Homes, ARC, Elderly alone, large families	Drainage basin, pets	Help of Ojai, city of Ojai-police station	Firefighter-Chief Bob Roper	4- wheel drive	Dale Hanson, Lynda Pinnizzoti	Yes		Neighborhood notices	Yes, Kate Russell, Lynda Pinnizzotti
Lisa	Brenneis	All motels, Matilija Jr. High, Ojai Valley School, ARC Special Ed Center, Blanche and Eucalyptus assisted living/ other	Many group facilities	Police station	JoAnne Bury-Nurse Mckee ST.			No	No	Talk to managers of large facilities in our area about their role in a disaster	
Marianne	Vos	Senior Center	Baranca with many trees		CPR			No	Yes		
Dave	Farber	None that I know of	Drainage system off North Signal			Lawn mower tractor, Motor Homes		No	Yes	Block Parties	Yes, but I do travel out of town quite a bit.
Paul	Garth	Arc Canada St.					Me, Ham Radio Operator	Yes	Yes	Create NERT coordinators	Yes
Sheri Ann	Cate	Manor LTC, ARC		Fire Chief, Tradesmen-BUILDER				No	Yes	House to house survey	Yes
McKinley	Barnes	ARC, small white house across from where ojai creates used to be.			CPR-Mckinley Barnes			No	Maybe	Have Ojai Valley News write a segment	Possibly
Garrett	Clifford	The Ojai Valley Inn will have many people unfamiliar with the area	Livestock	Ojai Valley Inn			Tom McCulla				Yes
Lyn	Thomas	Help of Ojai, Valley Oak Charter School at Ojai Valley Wesleyan Church, Sr. adults living alone		OV Wesleyan Church		Motor Homes on Ventura St.		No	Yes	Publicize AM station, use to publicize CERT trainings	

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Easy	Cooperation between county and city -- parks issues	Claudia	Harris
Easy	Valley-wide rec. district	James	Jackson
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Easy	Coordination of city, county and schools in recreation and obtaining funds for increasing and improving facilities	Barbara	Mc Dougle
Easy	Valley-wide park and rec district	Karen	Schmidt
Easy	Plan between city/ parks/ schools expand recreation fields for valley use.	Jack	Smith
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Easy	Convert Meiners Oaks school ball fields to girl league specifications	Dan	McLaughlin
Easy	Improve soccer fields	Leslie	Gutierrez
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Easy	Soccer Field in Oak View	Adrian	Mendez
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Easy	Recreation	Angela	Stevens

Easy	Improve recreation opportunities (parks, trails, hiking, equestrian)	Carl	Thelander
Easy	Additional youth and community sports facilities	Lyn	Thomas
Easy	Create more recreational space in the valley	Tim	Baird
Easy	Recreational programs made available to children from low-income families	Fred	Bysshe
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Easy	Free or Low cost recreational opportunities-- events are too expensive and scholarships are only open to City of Ojai residents	Joyce L.	Heath
Easy	Create and/or convert county parks into valley parks	Holly	Roberts
Easy	Use the old low sec. Prison grounds for Ojai Valley recreation for all ages; i.e., pools and gyms	Kate	Russell
Easy	More recreation services and facilities for youth	Shelia	Ghen
Easy	Recreation for teens	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Opportunities for youth, parks, rec activities	Alex	Laine
Easy	More affordable recreation and after school activities for youth	Wally	McCall
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities for teens	Susan	Westbrook
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Something for youth to do in Ojai—i.e. a roller-blading rink, bowling alley	Joslyn	Wood
	<i>Lake</i>		
Easy	Open up the lake (body contact) for increased revenue	Wayne	Pendrey
	<i>Public Pool</i>		
Easy	public pool/ gym	Sheldon	Khougaz
Easy	Swimming Pool	Brett	Buyan
Easy	Public aquatic center	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Public swimming pool year around open to everyone	Carol	Smith
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Easy	Supervision at skate park	Carol	Castanon

Preparation for Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion: April 15, 2007

Recreation Services Valleywide

Subtopics/Action Steps (4)- To Be Prioritized

- A) Create a valley-wide recreation district**
- B) Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available**
- C) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth**
- D) Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions after the group ranks them.**

Background: There are 13 public parks in the Ojai Valley:

City: Sarazotti, Libby, Daly, Cluff Vista, skate park, Rotary Community

County: Dennison, Soule, Soule Golf Course, Camp Comfort, Oak View Community Center/Oak Dell, Oak View Park & Resource Center, Casitas Springs Community Center.

Sports fields and/or tennis courts are found at 7 public schools in addition to the parks. Private schools and churches also have sports fields and tennis courts.

Open Space and trails are available in the Los Padres National Forest, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy preserves, Ojai Valley Trail, Shelf Road, and Sulphur Mountain Road.

Lake Casitas Recreation Area offers boating, fishing, water play, picnicking, camping, nature programs, and trails, and the Bureau of Reclamation is planning a trail and recreation expansion.

Public swimming and water play are available during the summer at Nordhoff High School and the Lake Casitas Water Park. A new pool for competitive swimming for youth and adults, and a year-round public pool have been sought by residents; however a source of funding has not been identified.

A) Create a Valley-wide Recreation District

A Valley Wide recreation district would allow: coordinated management of facilities, and the ability to allow the voters valley wide to approve a tax for parks and recreation. A tax for park acquisition, construction, and maintenance could be adopted with majority voter approval, while including supervision and services would require 2/3 voter approval. A Valley Wide recreation district would require the creation of a Joint Powers Authority between at least the City and the County, and possibly the School District. A governing body would need to be created- either an elected, valley wide recreation district board or members of existing boards.

B) Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available

Improving the fields currently in existence at schools and parks to bring them to AYSO, Girl's Softball, or other league specifications has been sought by sports leagues. Constructing new sports fields for youth and adult soccer, softball, and football, and increasing the number of sports fields with night lighting has also been sought. Issues of funding, maintenance and liability all complicate these efforts.

C) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth

Besides school extracurricular activities, youth recreation programs are currently provided by: the City of Ojai, Ojai Youth Foundation, Boys & Girls Club (Oak View), after-school care providers, churches, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H, sports leagues, pageants, music & theatre, private clubs, and private lessons/programs/studios.

Despite the seeming abundance of organizations, many youth report a shortage of after-school facilities and programs that are readily accessible and affordable. Meeting the needs of youth who, for whatever reason, are not involved in organized activities, and in providing services to underserved areas and income-challenged families seems to be a particular challenge.

D) Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions generated at the first OVWD meeting

- Improve soccer fields
- Replace bleachers at Libby Park
- Supervision at Skate Park
- Improve Meiners Oaks School ball field to Girl's Softball specifications
- Soccer field in Oak View
- Roller blading rink
- Bowling Alley
- Public Pool
- Public Gym

Second Ojai Valley-wide Discussion:
April 15,
2007

Recreation

Valleywide Facilities & Services

Create a Valleywide Recreation District

- Enables voters to approve a tax for new facilities and facility maintenance by majority vote
- Enables better coordination and shared use of facilities

Actions Steps for a Recreation District

- ID stakeholders
- Research options for organizing a District
- Develop a grassroots group to support the effort.
- Ultimately plan on an election

Sports Fields

- Improve existing fields at parks and schools to league specifications
- Increase the number of fields
- Enhance amenities, lights, bleachers etc.

Action Steps for Sports Fields

- Coordinate With School District or Parks Department
- Line-up volunteers or new revenue source
- Address long term maintenance and operation funding & responsibility

Expand Recreational Programs Particularly for Youth

- Facilities and programs to serve youth, particularly underserved areas and income-challenged families

Action Steps for Youth Program Expansion

- Identify new revenue source and stake holders to plan programs.
- Perform needs survey and rank options
- Perform a study of possible locations for programs.
- Address long term operation responsibility

Implement a Specific Suggestion

- Improve Soccer fields
- Replace bleachers at Libby Park
- Supervision at Skate Park
- Girls Softball at Meiners Oaks School
- Soccer Fields in Oak View
- Roller Blading Rink
- Bowling Alley
- Public Pool
- Public Gym

Common Action Steps

- Identify Volunteers to carry out construction and maintenance.
- Identify a new source of funding for both construction and long-term maintenance/operation.
- Determines who take responsibility for facilities and services.

Rank these Subtopics:

- A. Create a valley-wide recreation district
- B. Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available
- C. Expand recreational programs particularly for youth
- D. Implement one of the miscellaneous specific suggestions after the group ranks them.

A) Create a valley-wide recreation district

- 1.) Lowest
- 2.)
- 3.)
- 4.) Highest

B) Improve existing sports fields and expand the number of fields available

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C) Expand recreational programs particularly for youth

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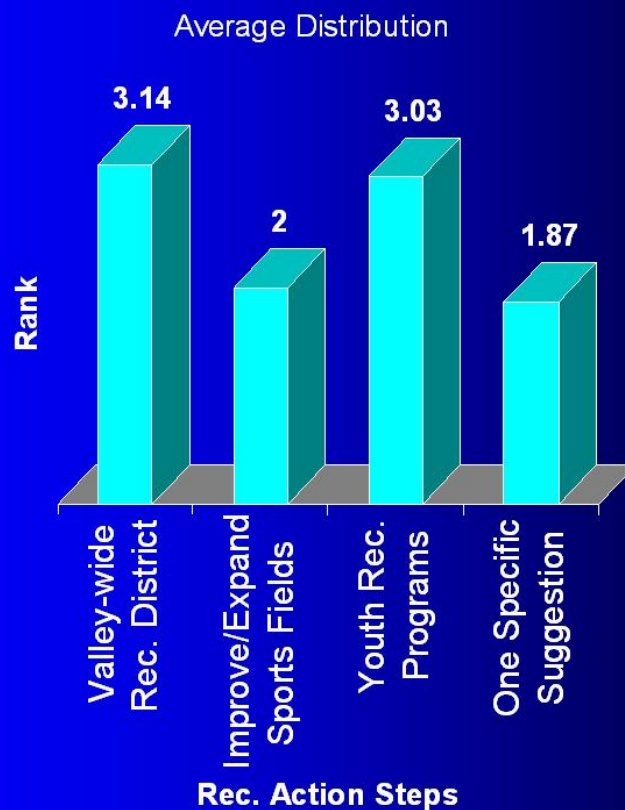


Table and Individual Suggestions:

Attendees were asked to answer the following questions, if they had time, based on the various recreation services action items identified in the Power point.

- 1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?
- 2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?
- 3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal?

Table Responses

1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

What do we want?

Ready to do it now so start planning now

2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

More funding

Funding to plan and implement

3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal?

ID Stakeholders, publicity

Meet to find preferences, secure funding—build it

Individual Responses

1) What information is needed to know how to plan appropriate action steps?

What do we want?

Current programs available and the possibilities of different options

Where and what recreation facilities

Current conditions of existing spaces, number of uses, what else is need and where and who

Do a study with recreational consultants and public workshops

Who is willing to step up—city?—County?

Youth Questionnaire i.e. their needs and desires

Info about existing users and possibilities for expanding the system

Feasibility study for improving existing fields and constructing new fields

Meeting with youth
Number of users
What we have where; political map; cost
What programs are needed
Information, communication between city and county/ identify stakeholders and structure to work towards.
The steps to create a recreation district
What districts are currently administering recreation in valley
What funds are available—Locations for suggested items
What do we want to do?
What areas are available?
What programs are needed and desired by 1) youth 2) parents 3) community
Number of children in various age categories
Recreational Service leaders—Ojai Valley needs to meet and develop a valley-wide program for every youth in the Valley
Perform survey—existing vs. desired
What presently exists?
Survey facilities
Uses and how many use the area
Who currently manages recreation?
What is happening in other communities (learn from examples) What are the problems? Can we solve them?
What are the recreational interests of the residents?—I don't think most people recreate by playing competitive sports.
What would the cost be—an overall explanation of facilities that would be provided.
Choose a project—one project is a good place to start
Cost? Location? Size?
Survey areas to know how the areas are used and what priority is needed at each field
What would a recreation district cost per resident or property owner
Costs, Service district creation
Inform of services already available—Newsletter?
I would include arts and theater programming as recreation
Pull all involved recreation parties to think out valley-wide rec district
Who are the owners of existing facilities? What organizations are involved?
What are the existing facilities? What activities are currently available?
List of existing facilities and uses
Cost of production
We need feedback from young people—What expanded programs are desired
Have to know if there's a consensus and on what
Identify human and community group resources in whole valley to create one district
Which one do the kids want most?
Steps well laid out; need implementation
What are the needs?

What type of recreational activities are the youth interested in?
What are the available facilities and programs now valley-wide?
Gather information about what is available in the Valley
That the majority of citizens live outside of the Ojai city limits

2) What resources are needed to accomplish this goal?

Money

Money and volunteers to be coaches or supervisors of different activities

Surveyors, planners and fundraisers

Money

Increase funding

Leadership, management and funds

Volunteers

Need to identify the area the parks district would cover and begin discussions with city, schools and communities.

Rich people in the Valley—large land owners

Available land (Honor farm)

Some dollars, mostly a broad group of citizens to plan

Time, money, city and county, volunteers

Time, money

Money, grants, locations

Money, locations, support

Money and volunteers

Help from all service clubs, city of Ojai, government and private donations

Money, space and manpower

Maximize use of existing resources

Find out from schools and city what is open to the public

School districts, city

Key personnel and stake holders around the valley meet and compare resources

Money and land

Cost estimates and current status

Money and survey of available space

How would various ages benefit from programs?

Political Action

Grants, raise tax valley-wide for rec

Money and a site

Contact people to identify scope of facilities and organizations

Model organization structure; selection of reps

Contractors

Obviously young folks need to step forward and recommend proposals

Places

Money and long term care of project

Already existing fields at schools?

Input from all schools/parks

Expand expenses

Valley-wide tax

3) Identify the major steps you think it takes to accomplish this goal?

Youth Valley-wide discussion to see what options the youth want
Implement volunteer programs for building and helping—possibly through Interact Club or Rotary Club
Set aside funding for study—have workshops—make recommendations
What facilities are available will County and city work together?
Planning—identify what we are doing, what we have and what people want.
Town meetings
Committee
Create JPA, assemble a task force, hold an election
All municipalities and county would have to cooperate in development
A board to put into action
Gather support, attain funding, implement
Develop consensus on type of facilities/determine best location
Town meeting, school info, Ojai Youth Foundation
Determine which facilities are needed: pool, soccer fields, etc.
Use results of survey and involve orgs
Volunteers approach schools and city for info
Fund the OYF and other youth related organizations
County, city and school district need to work together
Identify the project—establish a group to make it happen—raise money—advertise
Community support, money
Newsletter, Channel 10 public access
Identify current facilities and activities
County to establish district
Communication of request for feedback
Have to have committee dedication
Gain community support
Communication between schools and recreation agencies
Expand public transportation to various venues
Contact existing recreational agencies

Third Ojai Valley-wide Discussion:
October 28, 2007

Top Topics of the OVWD

- #1 Making Ojai Green & Sustainable
- #2 Disaster Preparation
- 3) Improve communication during emergencies
- 4) Decrease car use by expanding trolley/public transit alternatives
- 5) Youth Center
- 6) Create a valley wide recreation district
- 7) Expand recreational programs, particularly for youth
- 8) Preserve existing open space in the Valley

VALLEY WIDE RECREATION

A Recreation District
More Facilities
A Youth Center
More Recreation Programs



PARK & REC TAX OPTIONS

- Benefit Assessment- A 50% voter approval that can be used for facilities only.
- Parcel Tax- A 2/3 vote for both facilities and operations.

PARK & REC PARCEL TAX

- 10,000 PARCELS IN THE OJAI VALLEY
- \$60/PARCEL MAX. PAIN THRESHOLD = \$600,00 PER YEAR
- @ \$40/PARCEL = \$400,000 /YR
2/3 VOTE NEEDED

Straw Poll

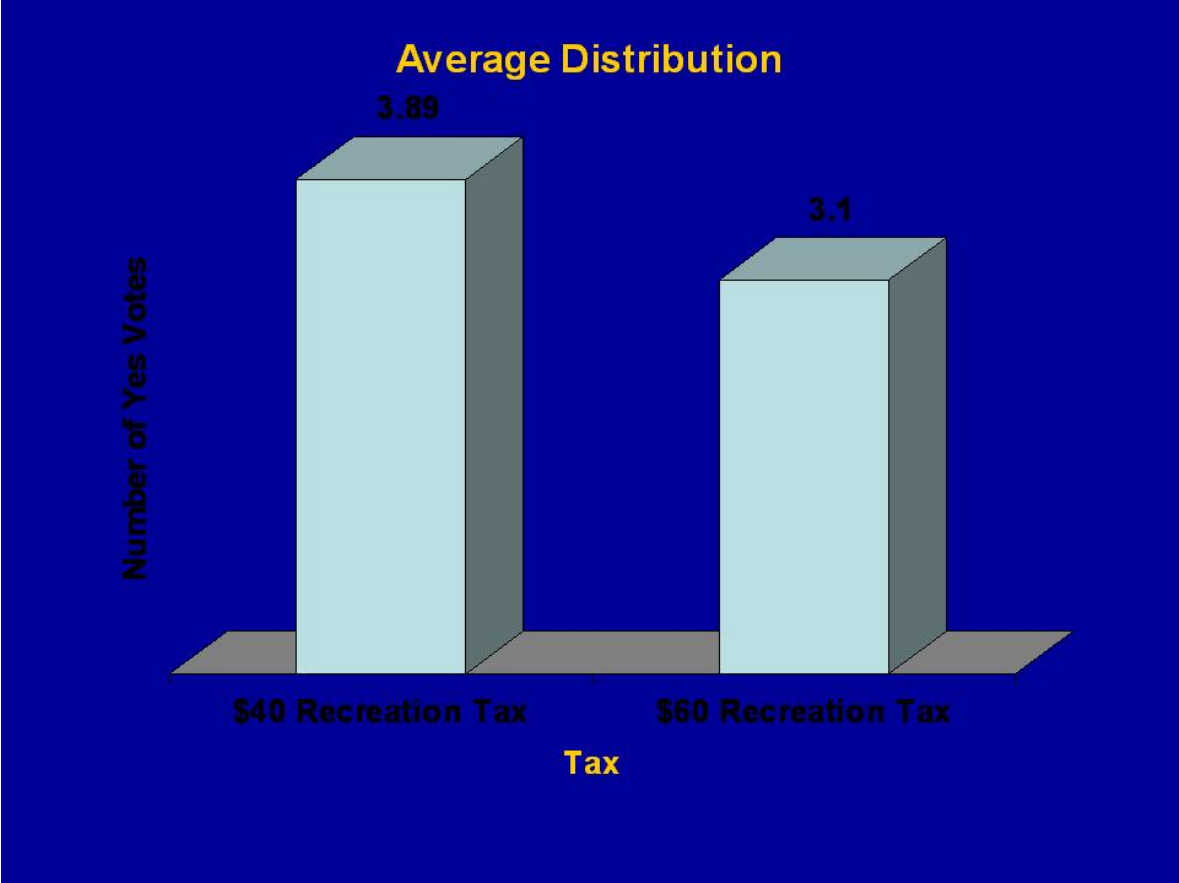
- Table vote support on Parcel Tax -
Each table enter the number of
people who vote yes
- # Vote yes \$60 recreation
- # Vote yes \$40 recreation

\$40 Recreation Tax

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- 1.)
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- 3.)
- 4.)
- 5.)
- 6.)

\$60 Recreation Tax

- 0.)
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- 6.)



First Ojai Valley-wide Discussion:

November 12, 2006

	Traffic improvements---Table 28 Traffic control on 33---Table 32 Traffic in and out of valley---Table 34 More traffic studies in-depth---Table 40		
	<i>Traffic</i>		
Easy	Traffic control	Gayel	Childress
Easy	In depth study to culminate effects of traffic	Joseph	Clark
Easy	Traffic mitigation	David	Des Laurier
Easy	Improve traffic flow during peak times	Don	Diaz
Easy	Create better traffic flow within the valley	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Commuter travel	Ruth	Heater
Easy	High school traffic jam and student courtesy	Ruth	Heater
Easy	Traffic and noise mitigation	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Traffic	RoseAnn	Hill
Easy	Traffic congestion relief	Ray	King
Easy	traffic management	Mark	Lee
Easy	Reduce traffic	Dennis	Leary
Easy	Incentives to reduce traffic in the valley	Marleen	Luckman
Easy	Traffic flow	Todd	McGinley
Easy	Better traffic control	Peggy	Russell
Easy	Traffic-- improved access to valley	Philip S.	Sherman
Easy	Traffic flow (at school)	Hali	Stetta
	Increased public transit out of town---Table 2 Extend hours of public transportation---Table 6 Plan and develop and educate around public transit---Table 7 Public transportation in and out of Ojai Valley---Table 29 Upgrade public transportation---Table 33 Extend current transportation---Table 45 Expand Ojai Transit System---Table 10 Improve public transportation – trolley to Oak View---Table 37 Better public transportation---Table 41 Extend coverage of Ojai Trolley valley-wide---Table 29		

	Ojai Trolley to entire valley---Table 44 Traffic issues such as noise, public transportation, road & safety conditions---Table 31		
	<i>Public Transit</i>		
Easy	Public transportation of all kinds	Tucker	Adams
Easy	Buses and trolleys that run later at night	Evan	Austin
Easy	Work in conjunction with Santa Barbara County to create viable, express transit to SB	Christopher	Bates
Easy	Better/More public transportation	Christina	Colombo
Easy	More frequent bus service	Brett	Buyan
Easy	Improve present available transportation	Marcia	Hester
Easy	Regular schedule for rapid transit posted/available	David	Hill
Easy	Decline the lack of bus in the valley	David	Lawrence
Easy	Target use buses-- such as gov. center etc	John	Long
Easy	Develop public transportation in and out of the valley	Steven	Mitchell
Easy	Public transport hours increased	Adele	Schmalenberger
Easy	Improved, more convenient public transit	Heidi	Whitman
Easy	Expanded transit system for entire valley	Charles	Wood
Easy	Improved public transportations, especially to commute outside valley	Kenley	Neufeld
Easy	Improve public transportation in and out of Ojai Valley	David	Magney
Easy	Increase public transportation to get out of town	McKinley	Barnes
Easy	Local residents can ride school buses-- set up specific stops to pick up and drop off	Linda	Taylor
Easy	Upgrade of public transportation	James	Lashly
Easy	Public transportation to East End and Upper Ojai	Gayel	Childress
	<i>Extend Ojai Trolley</i>		
Easy	Extend Ojai valley-wide trolley	Brian	Aikens
Easy	Extend trolley service to Oak View	Melissa	Cherry
Easy	Public transportation to East End and Upper Ojai	Gayel	Childress
Easy	Extend trolley route to other communities (e.g Oak View)	Judy	Hohman
Easy	Bring trolley down through Oak View and Casitas Springs	Terri	Laine
Easy	Trolley from Ojai to Oak View	Janel	Lavoie
Easy	Trolley to go all the way to Oak View	Adrian	Mendez
Easy	Have the trolley route come out to Oak View	Alyssa	Miller

Easy	Make the Ojai trolley go down to Oak View	Lupita	Ortiz
Easy	Extend Ojai trolley route to Oak View	Shelly	Rhoades
Easy	Community garden, trolley come down to Oak View	Marilyn	Bodo
	<i>Trucks</i>		
Easy	Stop 18 wheeler trucks on Hwy 33	Robert	Auric
Easy	Minimize number of heavy vehicles (construction type) during peak hours	Dick	Bernacchi
Easy	Restrict stone quarry trucks on maricopa hwy	Alan	Saltzman
	<i>Noise</i>		
Easy	Traffic and noise mitigation	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Reduce noise pollution from autos and motorcycles through town	Garrett	Clifford
	<i>Pedestrian and Bike Improvements</i>		
Easy	Encourage pedestrianism and biking especially between communities	Rae	Hanstad
Easy	Address dangerous pedestrian crossings	Jon	Lambert
Easy	More bike lanes	Marleen	Luckman
Easy	Expand bicycle lanes	Don	Moore
Easy	More lighted crosswalks	Peggy	Russell
Easy	Improve transit-- including sidewalks and bicycles	Carol	Saltzman
Easy	Pedestrian amenities-- sidewalks, starting @schools)	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Adds signs to encourage usability of bike path	McKinley	Barnes
	<i>New Traffic Signals, turn lanes, etc.</i>		
Easy	Traffic flow modification, turn lanes	Gary	Girod
Easy	Add left turn markings south bound at Nye Rd. on 33	Robert	Mell
Easy	Add stop light in Casitas Springs on 33	Robert	Mell
Easy	Need a traffic light at 33 and Hermosa Rd.	Jon	Parisen
Easy	Improving traffic flow (Infrastructure)	Wayne	Pendrey
Easy	One traffic light in Casitas Springs for local people to get out on road	Donna	Turner
Easy	Easy traffic solutions-- lights, enforcement, HS students auto restriction	Susan	Weaver
	Phase out weed spray along public roads---Table 2 Traffic issues such as noise public transportation, road & safety conditions---Table 31		

	<i>Road Maintenance</i>		
Easy	Redo and repave roads	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Hillside netting at crucial junctions	Kenneth	Sandgren
Easy	Fix the roads	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Problems during the winter rains in the Arnaz Grade area--need to fence the mountain with steel netting	Natalia	Moore
	Road and Safety Conditions---Table 31 Improve Public Infrastructure---Table 37		
Easy	Street repairs	Jude	Conroy
Easy	Street signs and streets marked more clearly. Painted.	Rita Norma	DiPaulo
Easy	Fix the roads	Martha	Dowden
Easy	Upgrade & repair of streets, curbs and sidewalks in all neighborhoods	Judith	Girod
Easy	Redo and repave roads	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Repave Cuyama and other bad streets	Gerry	Roe
Easy	Faster road repairs	Louise	Shaffer
Easy	Sidewalks on Loma	Hali	Stetta
Easy	Plan to fill the pot holes more quickly	Bob	Unruhe
Easy	Utilities—better quality, less dangerous, aesthetics	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Provide better street lighting in all the urban settings	Vera	Smith
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	Consolidate transportation yards- city, SCAT, school	Steve	Olsen
Easy	Planning for a "doable" Bypass	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Easy	Website for carpooling to VTA college, Oxnard, SB etc.	Linda	Taylor

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Mass Transit/Transportation

Improve Public Transit In and Out of the Valley

- SCAT is the regional transit agency
- SCAT is a Joint Powers Authority of which the County and City are Members
- Members pay for services by the mile using federal gas tax funds
- Express bus service to Government Center planned
- 20% farebox return required

Decrease Car Use Within the Valley
by Expanding the Trolley/Public Transit
and Use of Other Transportation
Alternatives

Ojai Trolley

- Trolley owned and operated by City with county cost sharing using federal funds
- 10% farebox return required
- New transit yard needed to have room to put another trolley into service
- City received a grant to plan and acquire a new transit yard
- Bus stop shelters being installed

Transit Actions Steps

- New Transit Yard needed for Trolley (City is pursuing)
- The new SCAT Express Bus to Ventura will need to demonstrate ridership (prior express bus demonstration failed)- need to spread word of new service (October).

Transportation Alternatives

- Carpooling: Instant Transit! Free on-line ride matching and guaranteed ride home available
- Bicycle Lanes/Trails: New lanes/trails planned but funding is short
- Sidewalks: New sidewalks planned but costly and problematic
- Telecommuting & Compressed Work Weeks

Alternative Transportation Action Steps:

Find ways to get people to use these forms of alternative transportation

Improve Road Maintenance

- Roads repaved by Caltrans, County, & City as funding allows
- Potholes should be reported to appropriate agency
- Recent State bonds will temporarily increase maintenance funding

Improve Efficiency of Traffic Flow

- Several Studies Completed: Casitas Springs Bypass/Widening, Ojai Valley Circulation, and Casitas Springs short-term measures
- Larger scale improvements not pursued for lack of funding and community consensus
- Some smaller scale projects implemented

Improve Traffic Flow cont'd

- Highway 33 Improvement Committee and Courtesy on 33 Committee working with Caltrans and attempting to raise public awareness

Traffic Flow Action Steps:

First increase public awareness & participation

Rank these subtopics:

- A. Improve transit in and out of the valley
- B. Decrease car use within the valley by expanding the trolley/public transit and uses of other transportation alternatives
- C. Improve road maintenance
- D. Improve efficiency of traffic flow

A) Improve public transit in and out of the valley

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B) Decrease car use within the valley
by expanding the trolley/public transit
and use of other transportation
alternatives

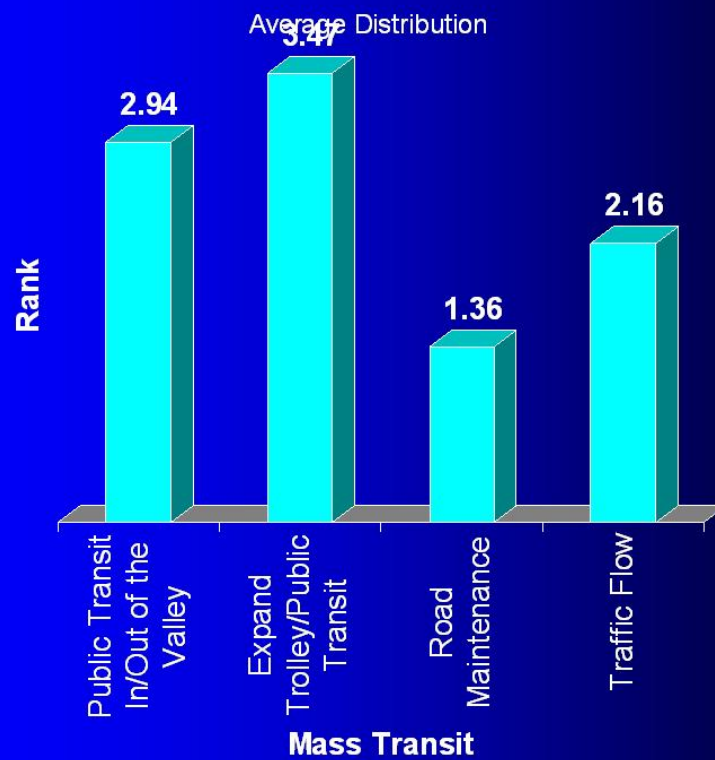
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Affordable Housing

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	Building moratorium w/exception of senior housing and low-income housing Table 2 Buy a mobile home park for increased affordable housing Table 6 Valley-wide affordable housing plan Table 33 Develop affordable housing for young families Table 36 Affordable Housing Program Table 40 Affordable/Workforce Housing Table 43		
	<i>Affordable Housing</i>		
Easy	Affordable housing availability	Aimee L	Eccles
Easy	Program for providing "affordable housing"	Harold	Glenn
Easy	Provide more affordable housing	Marcia	Hester
Easy	Housing--affordable young marrieds with children	Ray	Johnson
Easy	Save lower and medium income housing	Sarra	Jubinville
Easy	Lack of affordable housing	Mark	Lee
Easy	Insensitive for people who work here concerning housing	Deborah E.	Moe
Easy	Affordable housing for young households	Natalia	Moore
Easy	Affordable housing	Jessica	Murray
Easy	Have a valley-wide affordable housing plan	Steve	Olsen
Easy	Affordable housing for young families	Dawn	Rosalind
Easy	Generate affordable housing	Philip S.	Sherman
Easy	Affordable Housing for people working in the valley	Dian	Spence
Easy	Affordable housing in a more cohesive way	Kale	Starbird
Easy	Low cost housing services	Donna	Turner
	<i>Development Control/Growth</i>		
Easy	Building moratorium on new residential construction	Robert	Auric
Easy	Growth/ new homes, apt condos etc	Roberta	Battaglia
Easy	Limit housing	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Continue to limit development	Cynthia	Temple

Affordable Housing

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Attendees were asked the following questions:

- # 1) What are all the factors that make the issue of affordable housing a hard issue for Ojai Valley residents to reach consensus on?
- # 2 and 3) What are two key steps or conceptual approaches that could make affordable housing work and be an easier issue to reach consensus on?

Table	Affordable Housing #1	Affordable Housing #2	Affordable Housing #3
2	Availability of land-real estate valued as a commodity vs. need for low-cost housing. Afraid of degraded neighborhoods. Limits to resources i.e. air	Create homeowners assoc. to keep development clean. Need more understanding of low income circumstances	Grandfather in granny flats to be legal.
3	Limit purchases to local residents working the valley	Sweat equity/ Habitat for Humanity	Green Building
4	No close neighbors, lack of space, need info on other successful communities, unreasonable returns on investment	Buy mobile home park, allow market forces to work- remove zoning restrictions	Government should provide affordable housing for government workers-- police, fire etc.
5	City housing element to include low income areas	Educate population to problems of no affordable housing	Employers subsidize housing for employees
6	Buy mobile home parks	Refurbish existing stock of low-income housing	Allowing granny flats
7	Education for importance of affordable housing	Developing consensus on what projects deserve support and which constituencies should get this housing	Equitable development of criteria for eligibility
8	Support and fund rehabilitation of older homes with grant	Hold meetings to discuss all sides of the issues by all parties (pro and con)	Agree on in-fill locations for potential development and/or redevelopment
9	Market value of real estate and free market aspect	Differing view of what is "affordable housing"	Current residents are uncomfortable with affordable housing in their neighborhoods
10	Use existing housing/ build granny flats, change laws	Make more apartments	Bypass

11	Co-housing-- shared resources, more dense, leads to community	Employee Housing	Need an economic incentive to build low income housing
12	Current status of the affordable housing situation in Ojai	Moratorium on high end development	Define what is affordable
15	Discuss housing in a broader context to include impacts to environment, traffic, etc.	Use Channel Islands University model of making manufactured homes available to local community workforce at reasonable rates tied to cost of living	County-wide commitment to livable wage would make more people able to afford homes.
17	People eligible for affordable housing need to work in the Ojai Valley	Use state-owned county-owned land for housing. Honor farm, Oak View Elementary, School District Office site	Water conservation
18	Use existing housing and	Volunteer, non-profit affordable housing development	Higher density should be allowed in city center area;
27	Clarify eligibility/priority	Promote sustainability as it is good for everyone	Identify restraining resources
28	Multi-purpose housing- retail and residential	Alternative building materials	Close half of schools and build housing for government employees on school property
29	Must factor in traffic impact and hwy 33 must accommodate change.	Resolution must be with perception of equity and honesty	Tax incentives and grants for low income housing.
30	Mobile housing	Protecting low income	Restriction of large sized homes
31	Creative housing units-- granny flats/ commercial buildings with lottery going to residents who work locally	Inclusionary housing ordinance	Moderate amount of new housing-- so it doesn't change the character
32	Make sure the infrastructure/ services are in place	Master plan should include mixed use building, sustainability, and green	Define needs (who has priority to live in it)
33	Use existing structures for cost controlled rentals	Rehabilitate existing property for residents of Ojai Valley	New buildings smaller scale
34	Preserve existing affordable housing stock and rent controls	No consensus on the ideas, only consensus that this is a very hard issue to address	
36	Conceptual approach-- building of rental housing for folks who work in Ojai i.e. workforce	For people who work in retail/ tourism that are low paying jobs that can then afford an apartment and send kids to	Senior Housing for our own aging population.
37	Focus on providing affordable housing to important community groups like teachers and public safety employees	Focus on providing affordable housing to those who are most established in the community (rather than random lottery)	Provide loan assistance instead of building new homes (e.g. shared equity programs;

38	There are so many perspectives to take into account	Government stay out. It's a family matter	
39	Long term plan- city plan includes ratios of needs	Variety of living possibilities: Green Housing, Housing types (single dwelling, communal, multi family)	Builders must contribute to city needs-- public works, recreation, school
41	Town Hall meetings, films, education	Lottery	Assurances to people in local community
42	People will not accept increased density; NIMBY	Cost of land and construction spending	Providing infrastructure to new housing
43	Make more information available about the factors impacting affordable housing. What population can our valley sustain? What are the fiscal impacts of affordable housing in a valley like Ojai?	Reach out to property owners to help understand fiscal value and positive community building aspects of affordable workplace housing	Have county and/or city considered purchasing mobile home parks and maintaining them as public, low-rent
44	More apartment types-- better use of land	Need to reduce fees	Change the term "affordable" and define it better.
45	Stop calling it "affordable"- call it "workforce" housing. (This removes the stigma)	Fulton Street-- look at this success and other community successes	Define what is "workforce"
47	Start a program where elders could group together. Multi family in single residence	Greater Zoning leniency for building "granny" apartments	Reduce government fees for construction of multi dwelling families on same property

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	Youth as a community priority Table 31 Community Center/After school student activities/pool/gym Table 15 Opportunities for Youth Table 17 Money for teen centers Table 30 Youth Center/Youth facilities Table 34		
	<i>Youth Center</i>		
Easy	"Hang out" spots for youth/facilities for youth	Hansel	Balayan
Easy	Youth/ community/ performing arts center	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	City schools and Park and start dialogue on teen center	Judy	Gabriel
Easy	Money for community teen centers	Janel	Lavoie
Easy	A youth center	Nancy	Main
Easy	Youth center in Ojai	Dale	Hanson
Easy	Center for teen entertainment; bowling-video arcade	Javier	Ramirez
Easy	A community center open daily and evenings in town	Sarra	Jubinville
	Create small projects that make Ojai a statewide leader – educational and recreational opportunities for youth Table 3 More youth programs to include diversity Table 5 Better programming for youth Table 11 More youth activity options Table 29 Increased connection between public and private schools Table 38 Increase availability of youth programs		

	Table 39 More youth activities Table 41 Increase services for youth to include library, school programs and after school activities Table 43		
	<i>Education</i>		
Easy	Expand youth activities and education opportunities	Mike	Daley
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Affordable pre-school for all children	Ed	Guerena
Easy	Better nutrition for children in the schools (food for thought)	Keith	Helmkamp
Easy	More "apprentice type" work-- opportunities for our teenagers	Joyce L.	Heath
	<i>Youth Civic Involvement</i>		
Easy	Increase teen community involvement	Elana Inkicks	Daley
Easy	Engage youth in more civic projects	Noel	Douglas
Easy	Make public youth activities free for all socio-economic groups	Dulanie	Ellis-La Barre
	Unified School District Table 40		
	<i>School District Boundaries</i>		
Easy	One Valley-wide school District	Melissa	Cherry
Easy	Redistrict schools-- No bussing	Bob	Daddi
Easy	One unified school district for entire Ojai Valley	Helen	Harnett
	Increase Park and Rec. Opportunities w/focus on youth and teens Table 7 More valley-wide youth activities, recreation and facilities Table 9 Recreation for teens Table 42		
	<i>Youth Recreation</i>		
Easy	More recreation services and facilities for youth	Shelia	Ghen
Easy	Recreation for teens	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Opportunities for youth, parks, rec activities	Alex	Laine

Easy	More affordable recreation and after school activities for youth	Wally	McCall
Easy	Improve recreation opportunities for teens	Susan	Westbrook
Easy	After school recreation and homework help for all students on school sites	Ruth	Cooper
Easy	Make sure all the students get rec. center info (valley-wide)	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
	<i>Valley-wide Youth Activities</i>		
Easy	Youth activities to engage all kids valley-wide	Ed	Guerena
Easy	Coordinated valley-wide youth activities	Judy	Bysshe
	<i>More and Better Coordinated Programs/Activities for Youth</i>		
Easy	Better coordinated and more funding for youth programming	William	Hessell
Easy	Increase availability of youth services and programs	George	Jensen
Easy	More youth activities	Miranda	Kapin
Easy	More youth activities weekend and after school	Sheldon	Khougaz
Easy	More activities and diversity for youth	Dawn	Rosalind
Easy	Create more for youth, places to hang out, things to do	Douglas	Schmalenberger
Easy	Youth activities programming and facilities	Kate	Russell
Easy	More funding for youth programs	Shelly	Rhoades
Easy	After school programming for Oak View kids returning from Ventura	Lisa	Meeker
Easy	Something for youth to do in Ojai-- ie a roller-blading rink, bowling alley	Joslyn	Wood
Easy	Creating more activities and locations for kids	Kim	Armstrong
Easy	Develop more programs focusing on the youth	Karen	Evenden
Easy	Greater publicity for youth activities options	Brian	Aikens
Easy	Youth connection-- continued and expanded support for valley-wide sports, youth organizations, OVYF	Kathy	Nolan
Easy	Improved youth activities areas	Louise	Shaffer
Easy	Help of Ojai for Kids	John	Long
Easy	increased connection between high school	Carol	Castanon
Easy	Supervision at skate park	Carol	Castanon
	<i>Intergenerational Activities</i>		

Easy	Develop meaningful connection between seniors and youth	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Easy	Intergenerational center for youth activities and community events	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Easy	Develop broader volunteer base across age groups to help all community groups	Debbie	McConnell
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	How to curb juvenile delinquency	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	The youth of Ojai	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	more attention paid to the disabled children as well as the senior citizens in homes	Maria Raquid	Uribe
Easy	People in the Ojai Valley to make a commitment to supporting youth	Caryn	Bosson

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Attendees were asked to answer, "What are the three best things we can do for youth in Ojai in the next 5 years?" Below are the answers from each table:

Table	Youth #1	Youth #2	Youth #3
2	Address youth obesity- Exercise Programs	Permanent Skate Park- such as Santa Barbara	Program to address gang
3	Gang Suppression	Youth needs survey	Jobs for youth
4	Project/work/service program	Skate park	
5	Teen Center with mentors	After school programs for art and music	Enrichment programs for conflict resolution and parenting
6	A tangible structure for kids; permanent skate park and/or youth teen center	Valley-wide planning for youth activities/ sports/ after school homework help	Expand diversity or diversity education
7	Mentoring Programs	Reinstitute D.A.R.E.	Regional Community Parks (Unincorporated Areas)
8	Mentorship Program	Valley-wide Discussion especially for youths- find out what they want rather than adult	Create training for youths for conflict resolution and non-violent communication.
9	Permanent Skateboard Park	Inject more youth perspective into community dialogue- give youth a bigger, significant voice	Community Center
10	Financially and otherwise support the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation. Including youth/adult and youth/youth mentoring and youth	Creating recreational opportunities i.e. sports, arts, music	Creating a Teen Center
11	Create employment through civic orgs and intern programs with local businesses	More places for recreation, including evenings and	Provide more scholarships for Theater 150 and similar off-campus programs
12	Job Placement/ Internship Programs implemented	Improve and expand recreational programs, (skate park, expand Nordhoff H.S. open	Create more affordable housing for young families
15	Increase mental/ social health services. Establish a family service office	Coordinated activities among school (public, private)	Coordinate existing offerings- Improve transportation between recreation sites, media listings (tv, radio, web) for rec. activities.
17	Valley-wide recreation district and youth center	Encourage mentoring and community service oriented	Outdoor/ Enviro oriented programs to connect to our

		programs	incredible resource, the Los Padres National Forest
18	Boys and girls club/ teen center with a community pool	Mentoring/ youth jobs/ apprenticeships	skateboard park supervised
27	Connecting kids to the land (environment) through volunteer opportunities	Enhanced volunteer activities	Alternative Transportation
28	Improve safety in general by 1) expanded interracial communication 2) Monitor gang activity	Continue plus additional funding of activities for teens such as skate park and roller rink	Cross generational dialogue- need a format
29	Improve jobs and internship opportunities for young folks	Expand after school recreation, science and arts opportunities	Active Living Program
30	Teen Center	Alternative Education for trade training	Fight obesity, fitness program
31	Connecting youth in our community through jobs, internships and mentoring	Strong family recreation opportunities	Consortium of youth organizations to ensure needs of all youth are met and youth is a community priority.
32	Address gang issue immediately, possibly gang	Youth Center	Scholarships for participation in various youth programs (e.g. athletics, tutoring)
33	Youth programs that help keep kids out of trouble- Park in Mira Monte at Honor Farm	Youth center- Build public pool	Permanent skate park
34	Develop parenting skills, promote family-oriented activities (camping, fishing) and	Mentoring, especially for single-parent youths	Community kids center, but look at others (e.g. TO Youth Center) to see if they really work.
36	Valley-wide School District	Youth Foundation to engage youth in community	Educate youth to drive in valley
37	Mentoring Program	Teen Center	Helping kids find their passion through a mentoring program
38	Develop the abilities and desires of each child-- respect and value individuality	Support youth foundation and other existing groups	Facilitate and educate importance of exercise and
39	Nighttime and weekend activities at certain locations: pool, skate park, bowling alley.	Increase and improve intergenerational interaction	Involve youth in community activities
41	Include kids in gov't, police, public works, community service and get credit for it.	More jobs and recreation-- interesting opportunities	Improving education in the schools-- small classes, mentorship programs and better teacher pay.
42	Ask the youth	Art projects (graffiti)	Facilitated peer to peer communication
43	Teen recreation center with appropriate activities	Buy the bowling alley expand activities	Expand youth job activities and trainings

Youth Table 1:

Ojai/ Oak View Community
Teen Center

Community Pool

Bowling Alley

Youth Table 2:

After School Programs/
Activities (keeping kids off the
Street and out of gangs)

More Job Opportunities

Teaching for life-transition--
Driving, College, Elementary to
Jr. High, Jr. High to High
School.

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	<i>Community Clean-up, Beautification, Aesthetics</i>		
Easy	Clean up of debris, for sale vehicles and cluttered lots	Kim	Armstrong
Easy	Commercial beautification (awards for best job)	Garret	Boehm
Easy	Community pride programs-- community clean up	Garret	Boehm
Easy	Clean up entrance into valley-- Oak View/ Casitas Springs	Eric	Dilks
Easy	Beautify corridors into the valley	Ernest	Rischar
Easy	Establish more volunteer days for people to help with specific projects	Judy	Hohman
Easy	Small token projects to motivate community to show Ojai as a leader in California	Bob	Ghen
Easy	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings and monuments (mail marked ojai not oxnard)	Betty	McAllister
Easy	Cleaning up some of the streets in the Ojai Valley	Miranda	Kapin
Easy	Clean up curb side along major commerce streets	Vera	Smith
Easy	Community garden	Marilyn	Bodo
Easy	Eliminate ugly sign at the corner of El Roblar and Maricopa Hwy	Rene F.	Diets
	<i>Graffiti</i>		
Easy	Crime-graffiti	Todd	McGinley
Easy	Graffiti	Sylvia	Park
Easy	Gang Graffiti removal crew	Sharon	Madonna
Easy	Removal of graffiti (lookout points on Dennison Grade)	Sean	McAfee
Easy	Graffiti clean up and prevention	Wyatt	Harris
	<i>Roadway Landscaping</i>		
Easy	Phase out pesticides/weed killers to treat roadsides	Christina	Colombo
Easy	Plant trees in Oak View along hwy 33	Jude	Conroy
Easy	Prune trees along all major roads and bike trails	Judith	Girod

Easy	Greenery through Oak View to beautify entrance to valley	Terri	Laine
Easy	Hwy 33 and 150 Valley wide tree master plan	Kathy	Nolan
	More green buildings---Table 5 Instill green standards in buildings---Table 18 Ojai implement more environmental and sustainable policies---Table 31 More green buildings/green building standards, environmental and sustainable policies---Tables 31, 42		
Easy	Fund and complete Ojai Area Plan Programs	Russ	Baggerly
Easy	Codes pertaining to housing ordinances	Susan	Barry
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	John	Broesamle
Easy	Minimize development on slopes	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Green building standards	Kathy	Broesamle
Easy	Regional land use planning	Fred	Bysshe
Easy	Valley-wide development plan	Don	Diaz
Easy	Develop architectural standards fir 33 corridor	Jim	Perkins
Easy	Green materials required for building	Paula	Power
Easy	Regulate front and back set backs to new building	Aimee L	Eccles
Easy	Create/adjust specific building codes to encourage smart growth or live/work situations	Holly	Roberts
	Code Enforcement --Table 35		
Easy	Approve budget that includes additional funding for code enforcement	Pat	Baggerly
Easy	Planning & Building and safety--code enforcement	Russ	Baggerly
Easy	Signage and banners--code enforcement	Patrick	Gorey
Easy	Enforcement of existing codes, laws and rules regarding housing, loitering and building	Sharon	Madonna
Easy	The enforcing of county and city ordinances	Betty	McAllister
	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings/monuments---Table 30		
Easy	Protecting Ojai's historic buildings and monuments (mail marked Ojai not Oxnard)	Betty	McAllister
	Better lighting for urban areas---Table 45		
Easy	Provide better street lighting in all the urban settings	Vera	Smith
	No Specific Table Recommendations:		
	<i>Community Events/Gatherings</i>		

Easy	more community gathering events	Hansel	Balayan
Easy	Gathering place, activities	Leslie	Gutierrez
Easy	More community events	John	Herndon
Easy	More community events	David	Hill
	<i>Loitering</i>		
Easy	Ordinance against loitering in square in Ojai and Meiners Oaks	Harold	Glenn
Easy	Loitering of day laborers	Susan	Barry
	<i>Chain stores</i>		
Easy	Define a no chain/franchise business area-- more support for local business	Paula	Power
Easy	Come up with creative legislation to restrict or discourage chain stores in city/valley	Evan	Austin
	<i>Misc.</i>		
Easy	Increase parcel tax for library and school	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Ojai slogan	Bob	Ghen
	<i>Noise</i>		
Easy	Reduce noise pollution from autos and motorcycles through town	Garrett	Clifford
Easy	Excessive noise from motorcycles	Patrick	Gorey
Easy	Develop audio level standards	Jim	Perkins
Easy	Noise abatement-- too much noise generated	Lynda M.	Pinizzotto
Easy	Noise problems-- reduce noise and dust	Jane	Spiller
	<i>Trucks</i>		
Easy	Restrict stone quarry trucks on Maricopa Hwy	Alan	Saltzman
Easy	Stop 18 wheeler trucks on Hwy 33	Robert	Auric

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Subtopics/Action Steps (4)- To Be Prioritized

- A) Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan**
- B) Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up**
- C) Improve roadway landscaping**
- D) Increase code enforcement**

Small beautification projects can add up to significant improvements in the appearance of the Valley. Volunteer tree planting along the Ojai Trail and Highway 33 have been performed by Boy Scouts and the Oak View Civic Council, and other groups have landscaped barren areas. Many individuals pick up trash along roads and the Ojai Trail, and numerous home and business owners have substantially improved the appearance of their properties. Increased enforcement efforts have reduced illegal signs

A) Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan

Identify and prioritize clean-up projects, line-up volunteers and supporters, work with property owners.

B) Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up

The Group Against Graffiti is a group of volunteers that carry out graffiti abatement. Prompt abatement of graffiti serves as a deterrent in addition to removing blight. Graffiti should be reported to the Ojai Police who will then forward the report to the Group Against Graffiti.

C) Improve roadway landscaping

Caltrans and county road budgets barely cover road repairs and do not provide for ornamental landscaping. Volunteers have planted many trees along Highway 33 and the Ojai Valley Trail. Some private properties along the highway lack landscaping.

D) Increase code enforcement

Enforcement of building, grading, and sign violations has generally been compromised by a lack of funds. Recently, the County has increased funding and adopted a new fine system. However, like other municipal services, code enforcement service in the county unincorporated areas is not provided at city service levels. A citizen effort to report sign violations in Oak View resulted in removal of many illegal signs.

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Community Improvements & Connecting the Community

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Connections:</u>
Community clean up and beautification	Improve dialogue between people valleywide
Graffiti prevention and clean up	Improve communication between government
Roadway landscaping	Reduce gang activity/crime
Increase code enforcement	Improve programs that help elders stay in their homes

Community Improvements

- A. Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan
- B. Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up
- C. Improve roadway landscaping
- D. Increase code enforcement

A) Develop community clean-up and beautification action plan

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B) Focus on graffiti prevention and clean up

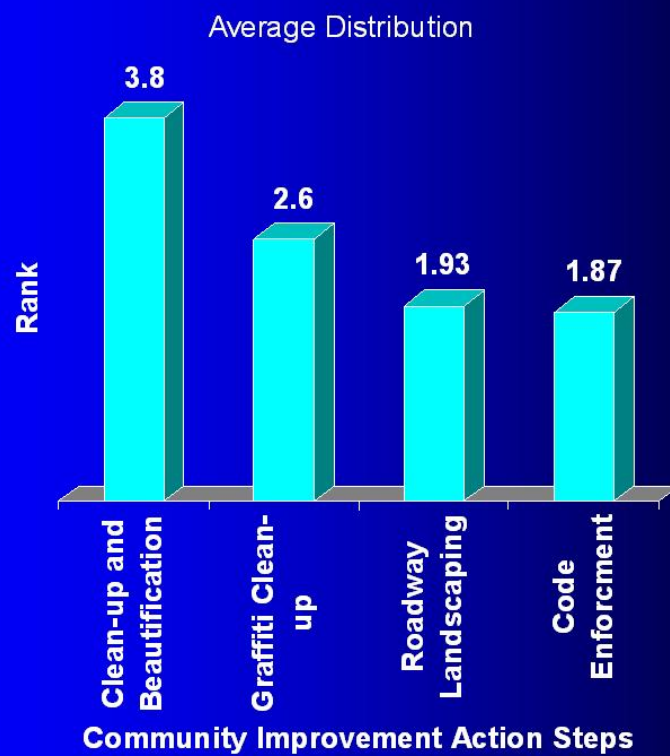
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	Form Regional Coalition for ongoing problems --- Table 4 Town Meetings---Table 11 Improve Communication---Table 15 Bring different communities to this process---Table 37 Increased Connection between public and private schools---Table 38		
	<i>Valley Wide Dialogue</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide communication, unity and understanding	Carol	Belser
Easy	Better valley-wide communication channels	William	Hessell
Easy	Improve valley-wide communication	Roger	Essick
Easy	Improving communication	Sue	Horgan
Easy	More whole valley dialogues and coordinate community groups	Dr. Justine Hillig	Wynn
Easy	Valley communications	Paul	McConnaughey
Easy	Get Ojai and outlying communities to communicate	Leanna	Kennedy
Easy	Meetings to allow community wide networking-communication	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Easy	Form regional coalition for long term on going work on mutual problems	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Structure for cross-valley dialogue on specifications	Carol	Saltzman
	<i>Group Dialogue</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide task groups	Sherrie Ann	Cate
Easy	Connect all groups/agencies/organizations together	John	Herndon
Easy	Develop meaningful connection between ethnic groups	Mike	Krumpschmidt
Easy	Bring together disparate community groups	Jon	Lambert
Easy	Conflict resolution groups to work with Ojai issues	Katherine	Hope
Easy	Bring groups together for better communication	Richard	Jones
Easy	Identify areas of common interest	Roger	Essick
Easy	Set an organization in place to facilitate this consensus discussion	Todd	Wilson
Easy	Deal with the current ill-will among city council and "fringe" elements	Christine	Golden
Easy	Hoping that our efforts will grow successfully	Chilant	Sprague
Easy	Support diversity of people and thought	Susan	Westbrook
	<i>Event Calendar/Directory</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide Event scheduling/calendar (orgs, churches, schools, city	Katie	Frazier

	etc)		
Easy	Ojai Valley consolidated event calendar	David	Lawrence
Easy	Valley directory-- increase communication	Jammie	Mc Courtney
Easy	Create a more user friendly quick response team for quick public information	Dan	McLaughlin
	Central Database for Government Info/Services – Table 12 Government Coordination---Table 32		
	<i>Government Communication - By and Between</i>		
Easy	Achieve better communication between city of Ojai and county gov.	Maria	Studer
Easy	Improved coordination between Ojai City and County regarding recreation opportunities for all ages	Tucker	Adams
Easy	Coordinated governmental organizations-- Planning, water, resources, environmental, rec	A. Michael	Weaver
Easy	Expose Community Development Plan to community	Elana	Daley
Easy	County response time back to citizens on general questions	Ann	McLaughlin
	Support local farmers, buy local, education about benefits of supporting local farmers---Table 7 Create and sustain a valley-wide “Buy Local” campaign w/incentives---Table 8		
	<i>Buy Local</i>		
Easy	Really support local business	Dian	Spence
Easy	Create a vigorous "Buy Local" ethic and campaign from Casitas Springs to Upper Ojai	Peter	Cantle
	Gang Control and ID -- Table 17 Reduce Crime by Creating valley-wide community meetings and conflict mediation -- Table 28		
Easy	Gang vigilance	Barclay	Hope
Easy	Gang ID and control	Alex	Laine
Easy	Community-wide crime prevention, including ecological concerns	Maria	Parisen
Easy	How to curb juvenile delinquency	Maria C.	Rimpa
Easy	More police surveillance of Meiners Oaks	Mr. Kim	Newcomb
Easy	Create stronger community policing program-- biking/ walking patrols	Peter	Cantle
Easy	Random undercover cops on trolley to prevent drug sales	Judy	Gabriel
	Support Agriculture---Table 38 Support local farmers, buy local, education about benefits of supporting local farmers---Table 7		

	Support local farmers---Table 42		
	<i>Agriculture</i>		
Easy	Supporting agriculture	Muriel	Lavender
Easy	Encourage the traditional business of farming in the valley	Karen	Evenden
	Other No Specific Table Recommendations:		
	Develop enhanced elder care/companion programs to enable elders to stay in their homes --Table 38		
Easy	An enhanced companion program to keep seniors independent in their homes	Noel	Douglas
Easy	more attention paid to the disabled children as well as the senior citizens in homes	Maria Raqud	Uribe
Easy	Emergency Liason for the more isolated and seniors living in a home	Elizabeth	McConnaughey
Easy	Support for seniors	Shelia	Ghen
	<i>Employment</i>		
Easy	Provide bonuses or incentives to businesses that hire "Ojai people"	Elizabeth L.	Hawkins
Easy	creating more jobs for local residents with adequate pay and benefits	Dick	Bernacchi
	<i>Visitor Center</i>		
Easy	Reinstate visitors bureau funding by tying it to TOT	Tyler	Suchman
Easy	Visitor Center for valley in Casitas Springs	Alice	Gardner
	<i>Other</i>		
Easy	Regional solar project	Jerry	Kaplan
Easy	Increase econ. Tax	Barbara	Pops
	<i>Franchise Restrictions</i>		
Easy	Restriction of franchise businesses coming into Ojai	Nathaniel	Wolper
Easy	Define a no chain/franchise business area-- more support for local business	Paula	Power
Easy	Come up with creative legislation to restrict or discourage chain stores in city/valley	Evan	Austin
	<i>Growth/Development</i>		
Easy	Growth/ new homes, apt condos etc	Roberta	Battaglia
Easy	Valley-wide development plan	Don	Diaz
Easy	Push for development of empty commercial property	Don	Moore
Easy	Attract more business-- which will generation more tax revenue	Eric	Dilks
Easy	Work to prevent growth that threatens our quality of life and our water & other resources; implement green building standards	John	Broesamle

Easy	Youth/ community/ performing arts center	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Develop cultural arts center	Steven	Mitchell
Easy	Lack of a center for intellectual activity for adults--branch of a college, promote study	Alan	Saltzman
Easy	Center for life-long learning.	Carol	Garramone
Easy	Empty lot across from Nordhoff, public space	Sharon	Hixson
	Form regional coalition for ongoing problems---Table 4 Government coordination---Table 32 Encourage government interaction (local and county)---Table 35 Central data base – government info/services---Table 12		
	<i>Governance</i>		
Easy	Redistrict voting to include the whole valley	Joyce M.	McWilliams
Easy	Create a valley-wide sphere of influence	Pat	Essick
Easy	Coordination of development decision making valley-wide	Andrew	Whitman
Easy	Valley-wide city	Diane	Goodrow
Easy	Broader governing body for valley	Helen	Harnett
Easy	Not allowing annexation of the valley by the city of Ojai	Nathaniel	Wolper
	<i>Utilities</i>		
Easy	Improve public infrastructure	Theresa	Stevens
Easy	Increase use of sustainable technology	Cynthia	Temple
Easy	Utilities-- better quality, less dangerous, aesthetics	Elizabeth Anne	Von Gunten
Easy	Develop local alternative fuel supply and distribution	Paul	Jenkin
	<i>Water</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide water district	Wyatt	Harris
Easy	Water districts-- consolidated dialogue among agencies	Ray	Johnson
Easy	One water district	Diane	Goodrow
Easy	Consolidate water districts	Austin	Cline
Easy	Water rights	Cindy	Murphree
Easy	Open up the lake (body contact) for increased revenue	Wayne	Pendrey
	<i>Social Services</i>		
Easy	Consolidation of valley support agencies	Kenneth	Sandgren
Easy	Access to county social service locally	Jessica	Murray
Easy	Distributing unused fruit grown in the valley	Keith	Helmkamp
Easy	Develop broader volunteer base across age groups to help all	Debbie	McConnell

	community groups		
Easy	English language education for adult Hispanics	Patsy	Glenn
Easy	Community centers serving major valley neighborhoods/populations	David	Intner
Easy	A community center open daily and evenings in town	Sarra	Jubinville
	Expand Ojai Library---Table 36		
	<i>Library</i>		
Easy	Increase parcel tax for library and school	Susan N.	Broidy
Easy	Enlarge Ojai Library	Carol	Smith
	Completion of Little House/West Campus/Honor Farm and Community Development---Table 44		
	<i>Honor Farm</i>		
Easy	Valley-wide use of the Honor Farm Property including funding	Gary	Girod
Easy	West campus or little house	Les	Gardner
	Flood Control Repair – Thacher and San Antonio---Table 45		
Easy	Funding for loss of homes and personal items	Randi	McAfee
Easy	Prevent flooding	Jack	Smith

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Subtopics/Action Steps (5)- To Be Prioritized

- A) Improve dialogue between groups of people valleywide**
- B) Improve communication and coordination between government agencies**
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- D) Reduce gang activity/crime through valleywide meetings and conflict mediation**
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A) Improve dialogue between groups of people valleywide

Ojai Valley residents communicate valley-wide through a vast network of organizations, groups and congregations. Most of these are formed by people coming together with a shared common interest and most of them include people from throughout the valley. Examples are HELP of Ojai, Ojai Valley Youth Foundation, Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

The Ojai Valley News and the local cable channel allow residents to learn about one another and offer ideas for newsworthy articles and information about community events.

More recently new technology has allowed residents to communicate via the internet on sites such as those hosted by www.ojainetwork.com and www.theojaipost.com.

There are some barriers that exist to valleywide communication between specific groups. Children in the valley attend two different school districts, and the communication between private and public schools is limited. Separate government jurisdictions such as county, city, and water districts all have different communication structures, policies and procedures.

Geographical location may be a barrier to some communication efforts. Residents of the Upper Ojai may find it difficult or inconvenient to attend meetings or gatherings in Casitas Springs and vice versa.

Communication is usually more positive when groups focus on what they have in common, certainly until trust is built. Discussions regarding difficult issues might be accomplished through professionally facilitated community forums where residents are encouraged to present a variety of viewpoints.

Groups and organizations could make a concerted effort to communicate with each other and to work collaboratively on joint efforts. An example of this is the Community Connections effort that is working toward better communication between non-profit

organizations in the Ojai Valley. Government meetings open to the public are another venue for sharing concerns and opinions.

If the proposed valleywide broadcast radio station became operational, one option would be to have it broadcast more than just during emergencies. This would provide an additional way to share information throughout the valley. The phone books include event calendars, the Chamber of Commerce maintains a calendar on their website, and www.ojaievents.com is an up-to-date website that provides a calendar of events.

Finally, meetings such as these Valleywide Discussions are specifically focused on fostering this dialogue across the valley.

B) Improve communication by government and between governments

The City and County have good relations and a cooperative working relationship. Although both have different elected leaders and staff, efforts are made to communicate policies. In some cases such as the Social Host Ordinance, a concerted and successful effort was made to have consistent policies in both the City and County. The County, City and various emergency responders/service providers meet twice yearly to improve communication, planning and response to emergencies and disasters.

In the early 1990's the City of Ojai undertook a major study of expanding the City valleywide. The conclusion was that it would financially hurt existing City residents and therefore was not pursued. Joint Powers agreements between the City, County, and School District are possible to address specific services, such as recreation or transportation (SCAT is one such JPA).

There are two public water agencies that pump from the Ventura River groundwater basin, and several agencies plus the Southern California Water Company that draw from or regulate the Ojai Groundwater Basin. The Casitas Municipal Water District operates the federally owned dam and diversion, and serves water both on a wholesale and retail basis. Several private mutual water companies also serve agricultural and residential customers. The Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County provides a forum for the exchange of information on local and regional water issues.

C) Create and sustain a valley-wide “Buy Local” campaign

There are many on-line resources for establishing “Buy Local” campaigns, particularly for food. These organizations both assist local groups in setting up local campaigns, as well as directly assisting farmers and consumers. (www.buylocal.org, foodroutes.org, caff.org, buylocalday.org, localharvest.org)

D) Reduce gang activity/crime through valleywide meetings and conflict mediation

While the Ojai Valley gangs represent a relatively small problem compared with gangs in other areas, there has been much concern about recent gang activity. It is estimated that the Ojai Valley is home to 50 or so gang members. There are two gangs in the valley: a Latino

group with about 35 members; and a second gang of about 15 or so mostly white youths from Oak View. It is not against the law to associate with a gang. Until the group breaks the law, the police have limited options.

There were about 50 calls to the Police Department for service related to gangs in the last year. Per the Ojai Valley News, Captain Bruce Norris: "Most of those were to report graffiti in the city of Ojai, serious crimes such as assault, robbery and weapons violations occurred throughout the valley. Because many crimes go unreported by the victims, I believe that gang-related crimes were significantly higher."

In December 2006 the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved funding of a special four-deputy anti-gang task force to focus on West County activity, including gangs in the Ojai Valley.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department has established a Gang Tip Hotline. This hotline, 1-888-58GANGS, was created to allow residents of gang-infested neighborhoods a way to anonymously report on-going gang activity.

Gang activity has fallen since last summer after several convictions. Law enforcement tactics to prevent gang crime include making contact with gang members, arresting them at every opportunity, conducting random searches of the homes of those on probation, having the school resource officer interact with students suspected of gang association and take action when possible, prompt graffiti abatement and pressing for stiff sentences. Street Terrorism Gang Enhancement laws allow for increased sentences for gang members.

E) Improve programs that help elders stay in their homes

The Ventura County Human Services Agency's In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides assistance to those eligible aged, blind, or disabled individuals who are limited in their ability to remain in their own homes without this service. The IHSS program will help pay for services provided to a person so that he or she can remain safely at home. IHSS is considered an alternative to out-of-home care, such as a nursing home or board and care facility. A person may be eligible for IHSS if he or she meets *all* of the following:

- Is over age 65, or disabled or blind;
- Receives SSI/SSP, or is low income with low assets (the government has specific limits);
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- Has California residency;
- Lives in a private residence;
- Needs help to remain safely at home.

For those who exceed income and asset eligibility requirements for government programs, there are private agencies that provide in-home assistance services for a fee. These services may include: skilled nursing, home health aides, housekeeping, shopping, personal care, errands, safety supervision, chore services, grooming/hygiene, live-in services, transportation, light housekeeping, meal preparation, medication

reminders and bathing/dressing, physical therapy, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapy, and medical social services.

HELP of Ojai Caring Neighbors program provides volunteers to telephone, visit, and provide support and occasional practical assistance to frail elderly people, the handicapped or those with chronic illness.

Additional Issue Information

Create/improve a valleywide visitor center

The Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center operates a visitor center in downtown Ojai, but promotes businesses and attractions valleywide, including through its website and phone services. The City of Ojai reduced its funding of the visitor center during its recent budget problems (from \$50,000 in 04/05 to currently providing free rent to the Museum to provide visitor services)

Develop restrictions on franchise businesses

Restricting franchise businesses is under consideration by the City of Ojai. Federal restraint-of-trade laws prohibit treating one business differently from another. Communities have adopted size, design, sign, and product type regulations to partially address this issue.

Expand the Ojai Library

Under the Library District governing structure, the City of Ojai is the lead agency for the Ojai Library. Periodically, State bond funding becomes available for library expansions. Voter approved parcel taxes in both the City and surrounding unincorporated areas fund enhanced service levels at the Ojai Library, however these tax measures did not provide for inflationary increases and their purchasing power is steadily eroding. The City of Ojai is coordinating an effort for expanding the library.

Completion of Little House/West Campus/Honor Farm

The Plan for West Campus: to expand HELP of Ojai's "Little House" to the "Big House"; to develop a multi-tenant non-profit center; to encourage access and utilization of adjacent open space and maximize agricultural use.

West Campus Project Objectives: all HELP of Ojai projects implemented on the site must meet four initial requirements- that they be do-able, fundable, sustainable and meet with the mission of HELP of Ojai. West Campus tenants (other than HELP programs) will be selected according to their ability to enhance HELP of Ojai's financial viability, their contribution to implementation of the general objectives of the West Campus, and the compatibility of their mission with that of HELP of Ojai.

Prevent flooding, particularly along Thacher and San Antonio Creeks

There are many homes and farms within the floodplains of Thacher and San Antonio Creeks. Other developed areas of the Valley are also subject to flooding. Extensive,

and expensive, levees and channeling would be needed to remove these areas from floodplains. Much of this work would require environmental permits that would be challenging to obtain.

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Connecting to the Community

Community Improvements & Connecting the Community

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Connections:</u>
Community clean up and beautification	Improve dialogue between people valleywide
Graffiti prevention and clean up	Improve communication between government
Roadway landscaping	Reduce gang activity/crime
Increase code enforcement	Improve programs that help elders stay in their homes

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