

Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary
Thursday, October 26th, 2006 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Sammy Quintana Community Board Room

(Note: This is a meeting summary and is not intended to give the meeting contents in its entirety. If you would like to get more details about the meeting, please contact either a committee member who was present at the meeting, or the SF County Planning staff.)

The meeting was opened by Vice-Chairman David Ortiz at about 6:40pm.

News from the Committee

Carlos Ortiz updated us on the funding the Soil and Water Conservation District. Approximately \$17,000 was received, along with other funds received from Senator Bingaman. Funding will be used for the removal of non-native invasive trees in Cuyamungue, along the springs on the west side of the river. Carlos also mentioned that there may be funding available at the State level for watershed restoration. This might be an opportunity for the Valley to look into maintaining and improving acequias with this possible funding initiative.

Ben Gomez announced that the Sheriff's Department was able to catch some graffiti taggers in El Rancho. He said that he thought two or three boys were arrested, but he was not sure what the punishment would be at this time.

News from the County

Amelia Garcia passed out copies of the Agriculture Revitalization Initiative (ARI) resolution that will be presented at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on November 14th. The resolution asks for support from the County for the work of the ARI to keep land in agricultural production and protect attendant water rights. Renee announced that there were some revisions that were recommended on the resolution, and the changes that were made to the document were not reflected on the version that was passed out.

Action Plan Work

The committee decided to make the Valley Council, or what we are now calling the "Planning Authority" a separate goal, to either be placed before all the action plans, or at the end.

The committee then discussed and edited the rest of the Action Plans under the Goal: *Strengthen and build community relationships and communication between neighbors and government entities*. The group also talked about what land use initiatives should be emphasized for the Action: *Communicate, evaluate and modify existing zoning regulations as needed*. The group discussed the importance of family transfers, density, and the opportunities for affordable housing.

Next meetings: The next meetings will be held on Thursday, November 16th, and Saturday, November 18th. Whatever is not complete at Thursday's meeting will be rolled over to Saturday's meeting.

Notes by R.V.