

# Capay Valley Vision

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## **CAPAY VALLEY VISION UPDATE**

ESPARTO – When thinking about the future, the only given is that change is inevitable. Recognizing that the best way to manage change is to have a clear picture of where you're headed, Capay Valley Vision began a regional visioning process two years ago. With strong community participation and steady leadership from a diverse, highly committed board and advisory council, a clear picture of what residents want the Valley's future to be is emerging. Linked to this effort, here's a few of the upcoming events and activities CVV is helping to organize.

### **Transportation Workshop – September 15**

On September 15, Capay Valley Vision (CVV) will host the third and final workshop this year to present key concepts for public comment that will be part of a long-range vision for transportation improvements throughout the Capay Valley-Esparto Region. The two-hour Monday workshop will be held at the Esparto Community Hall (aka Scout Cabin) starting at 6:30pm.

A Transportation Action Team diversely comprised of community members has met twice since the last workshop in May. Working with a team of transportation planners, the Action Team has been discussing concepts that improve safety and transit while preserving the Valley's rural character. The primary outcome of the project is a regional (I-505 to the Colusa County line) highway corridor plan that establishes a long-range vision for transportation improvements and enhancements throughout the region. The corridor plan will be presented at a public open house in the fall.

We are fortunate to have the ability to help plan for our future in an organized manner. CVV invites and encourages all residents of the Valley to help make the most of it.

### **Agriculture Task Force**

On August 7, area farmers gathered at the Esparto Library to discuss the draft Agriculture Plan for the Capay Valley-Esparto Region. The draft plan outlines key assets and challenges for agriculture in the region and offers a series of interrelated strategies and activities to strengthen the Valley's farms and ranches and preserve agricultural resources. To receive a summary or full copy, please see contact information below. The task force next meets September 4, 7:00pm at the Esparto Library and will continue discussion on the ag plan.

### **Taste of Capay Valley**

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Come enjoy the harvest of the Valley's world-class farms, ranches, and vineyards specially prepared by two of Sacramento's top chefs. CVV is proud to co-sponsor this event, part of the weekend Hoes Down Harvest Celebration. Taste of Capay Valley is on Sunday, October 5, 2003 at 1:00pm.

Hosted in the beautiful setting of Stan and Leslie Barth's Capay Canyon Ranch near Esparto, Taste of Capay Valley will present a menu of local, seasonal fare served family-style. A brief program will premier the Capay Valley branding project, a CVV initiative of local farmers and artists to strengthen ties with urban consumers. For more information, visit the [hoesdown.org](http://hoesdown.org) web site or call (800) 791-2110.

For more information about Capay Valley Vision, the corridor project, or the agriculture plan, contact Thomas at 796-4160.

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