



# Capay Valley Vision 2015 Annual Report

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# 2014-2015 Board of Directors

*Special thanks to these incredible Capay Valley volunteers who have dedicated their 2014-2015 busy lives to be members of the CVV Board of Directors.*

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# 2014-2015 Activities



For most non-profit organizations summer is the time to take stock of what volunteers, board members, partners and fiscal agents accomplished in relationship to the non-profit's mission and goals for the preceding 12 months. Capay Valley Vision (CVV) is no exception.

Living in the beautiful Capay Valley is an honor and it requires attention in order to preserve its incomparable sense of place. Rural in nature, unique in history and small in population, we are vast in beauty, abundant in the richness of land and diverse in culture and points of view.

CVV, a non-profit 501c3, was formed almost 15 years ago by diverse area volunteers who recognized the need for an organizational structure to advocate for the unincorporated community. CVV was created to provide a public vehicle for sharing and solidifying ideas, advocating for those concepts while protecting a sense of place and seeking local agreement about the projects, activities and programs that come from the community.

It is not a simple task garnering a "Voice" for a dynamic and independent community. If you are wondering how the many diverse ideas can ultimately become a consensus of thoughts and opinions from the entire Capay Valley community, you only need to

read the list of CVV board members who represent our diverse community. Board membership is very specific, all-inclusive in nature and is drawn from Madison to Rumsey, the Esparto Unified School District, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, R.I.S.E. Inc and one member who provides a county level perspective.

In 2003 Capay Valley Vision developed a consensus document that incorporated information from: Town Hall meetings, focus groups, and other sources. Findings were condensed into a strategic plan that has been utilized to guide the appointed Board of Directors. The current CVV board will undertake this same process again in November 2015 in order to update the 2003 priorities. The resulting information will be the road map for future work and projects.

Developing an idea into an outcome can be a lengthy process that requires multiple partnerships, continual assessment and focused perseverance. CVV's recent year of activities produced two major outcomes that have been "in the works" for many years. (See accompanying articles about the Esparto Park and Pool and the Esparto Childcare Center) In addition, there are ongoing projects that keep board members, local partners and volunteers fully occupied in their dedication to protecting our Capay Valley treasure.

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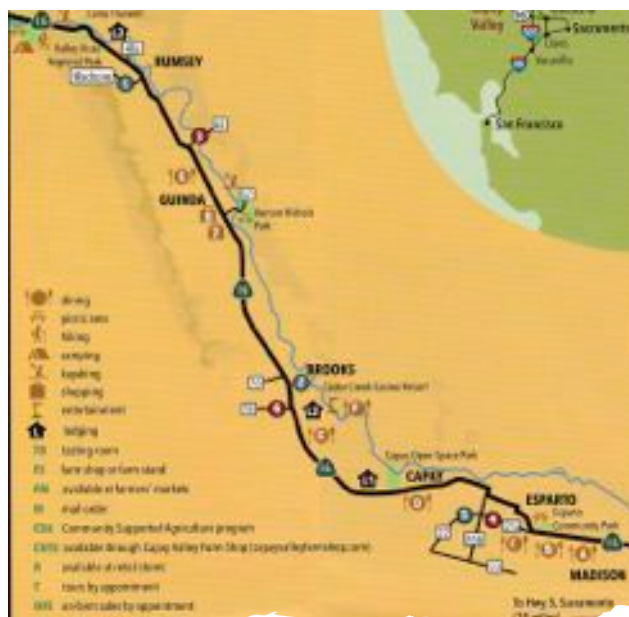
## Park and Pool

It's been a long time coming! Capay Valley has funding and approval (Board of Supervisors July 28<sup>th</sup>) to purchase a ten-acre property and begin building the Park and Pool. Construction funds originate from a California State Parks and Recreation \$2.89 million grant. The annual operations and maintenance expenses will be covered by a three-prong funding plan that includes Park and Pool usage fees, annual property revenue from the generous Esparto community, and an Endowment Fund that will generate interest income.

## Childcare Access

Childcare services have been a long-term project and construction on the facility is slated to begin this fall. The lack of childcare has been a hardship on many of our community's families. CVV and RISE, Inc. have worked in partnership to create an outstanding program for our children. The project began with a feasibility study and a \$100,000 grant from First Five YOLO. Community leaders, additional partners and volunteers worked successfully to establish affordable and top-notch childcare services for 24 three- and four-year old Capay Valley children.





## 2015 Taste of Capay

The annual Taste of Capay is a very popular regional event. We are very fortunate to be able to host this year's event at the Seka Hills Olive Mill. The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has graciously donated their new and beautiful facility located on Highway 16 in Brooks, slightly north of Cache Creek Casino & Resort. The event is Sunday, October 25 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please save the date!

## AG Tourism

Has someone asked where you live and then looked puzzled when you proudly answer "Capay Valley!" This past year, CVV worked closely with UCD's Small Farm Department to create a "first time" destination farm trail map that describes the Capay Valley from a visitor's point of view. More than 40 farms are listed on the map and interesting narratives provide information and historical background to illuminate the Capay Valley. These maps are distributed throughout the County and Northern California. Stop by ACE Hardware in downtown Esparto to pick one up.



## Healthcare Access

Living in a rural area can make it difficult to obtain adequate healthcare services. Some issues that need to be addressed include: availability of medical and pharmaceutical providers, non-emergency transportation, and health insurance programs that work for both patients and providers. Efforts to build a new healthcare clinic are in the initial stages of development.

## Capay Valley Grown

Capay Valley Grown (CVG) is a membership organization that is organized under the umbrella of Capay Valley Vision's nonprofit status. CVG is a branding and marketing cooperative with Capay Valley farmers. These area businesses are able to participate in joint marketing and promotional campaigns, access the Capay Valley Grown logo, participate in the new farm trail map program and utilize the website at [www.capayvalleygrown.net](http://www.capayvalleygrown.net).



## Outreach

CVV board members and staff provide an active presence at local and county meetings and activities.

Unincorporated areas are easily forgotten and without an active voice at these meetings, budget and planning decisions can lack a “rural perspective.” It has been a very positive experience working with each of the County Supervisors and Capay Valley has benefitted from increased interaction with area representatives.

## New Season

While New Season is a separate 501c3 non-profit, several of the non-profits board members are also serving on the CVV board. One look around downtown Esparto will demonstrate the incredible work that our sister non-profit is doing.

