

SGV Workshop Exit Poll Results

What follows are comments received at the end of a workshop that occurred on Sunday, March 7, in the San Geronimo Golf Course - Large Banquet Room. Each comment was written on a brightly colored post-it note and posted on the way out of the workshop. More details about the workshop are found elsewhere on the CDA website at www.co.marin.ca.us/sgv

Comments

Need To Schedule All Meetings 30 – 45 days in advance, without Last Minute Changes. IF Meetings Are postponed, they will be Rescheduled 30 – 45 days later.

LOVED THE VENUE (GOLF COURSE) BUT TOO MANY PEOPLE FOR GOOD ACOUSTICS

SUNDAY IS A TERRIBLE DAY FOR MEETING

THE “READ & TEACH” EXERCISE WAS PRETTY GOOD BUT WE ALL AGREED TTHAT THE INFORMATION PACKET WAS REALLY INFORMATIVE AND WE ALL WISHED WE HAD SEEN THIS INFO A YEAR AGO!
PLEASE MAKE IT AVAILABLE! (ON WEBSITE?)

Glad the County convened this meeting. Location & day (Sun.) are perfect.
Concerns for future:

1. Fear that County is unduly influenced by environmental litigants & that science SEP is influence by that (e.g. choice of consultant). Thus, need alternative (i.e., academic), neutral science input ties to recommendations.
2. Need common knowledge base for reasoned conversation. SGV want to do the right thing for salmon enhancement – need to believe what would really make a difference, know that all towns (i.e. in Marin) are being focused on & treated equally, & also address concerns.

Would be good to have people recording everything, not just what can be captured by facilitators on the fly, while also facilitating.

Thought it was a great workshop! Lots of good ideas. Love the venue.

#1 IS THERE A PROBLEM HERE?

#2 DON'T TRUST COUNTY!!! POLITICIANS “SOFT ON SALMON” / BIG ON RE-ELECTION

#3 S.P.A.W.N. IN BED WITH COUNTY OF MARIN

#4 WE'RE HERE DEFENDING OURSELVES – WHEN IT'S PROBABLY A “DONE DEAL”

Great small groups! Love to see the County asking for our input.

- GOOD TRY. STILL CONFUSION!
- HATED ONE TABLE – JUST COMPLAINTS! LEFT AND FARED BETTER AT A DIFFERENT TABLE.

Christine did a wonderful job! Golf Course Club was great place to have it. Moving from table to table was confusing. We need a smoother agenda.

- Golf Course Great
- Exercise on laws and policies in place OK, not great
- Small Group on actual suggestions very good.

Good ground rules.
Large diverse group, very well behaved.

- Excluding staff appears count started with approx 120. Ended with approximately 95.
- Too little time for what was needed to address topics.
- Poor reports – rejected speaker more than the group
- object to use captive audience for “census” pitch

Seasonal / Summer dam
Experiment / research / Will this really help the fish
Design –
Fish ladder design –

THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE A GROUP THAT WAS DISCUSSING THE SCIENCE THAT ESTABLISHED THE SEP. WHEN WILL THAT DISCUSSION TAKE PLACE.

TOO MUCH INFORMATION IN TOO SHORT A TIME.

EXIT POLL
KAT = GREAT MODERATOR
INGE = GREAT MODERATOR
GOLF COURSE = GREAT FACILITY
WELL RUN MEETING
CLEARLY AN EARNEST COUNTY EFFORT
LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER WORK

Limited time to participate in multiple topics

What Worked

golf club
Sunday
focus
great people
good facilitator

What didn't

New Technologies
i.e., dry toilets, gray water systems. Sewer system?

DIDN'T WORK – TOO MANY QUESTIONS & TOO MUCH INFO TO COVER –
(GOOD ATTEMPT)

WHAT IS THE "COUNTY": doing to make improvements for salmon? . . .
Disconnecting roads creeks
Planting trees along Road / Stream edges owned by County & around "Fixed
Culverts"

This should have been limited to Valley Residents & property owners only.

Feedback – I would rather have this at the school & move our break out groups
to classrooms so we can hear each other speak. If it is here again – can we go
outside > Noise level too high.

Want follow up small groups with County rep & property owners.

Vague instructions at start of each session. Topic at each table no well defined. Groups need to stay more focused on topic.

WANT MORE [Fish drawing] CONSIDER BUILDING A HATCHERY!

Feed back re 3/7 process

- 1 The room was so noisy Hard to hear
- 2 Simplify agenda / too much –

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- 1 Great energy & spirit
 - 2 The writing boards were great. Love the last wrap up reports
 - 3 Everyone got a chance to speak. Overall Success!
- Thank you Linda Steve et al

Exit Pole –

The meeting space was organized by SGV Stewards (Judith Champagne called the Golf Course)

Advertisement was organized by SGV Stewards (fliers, hand delivered). The County did not step up to the plate to inform the SGV for this meeting – we could not find the meeting on the County web site. There is still an issue of County communications in SGV.

Need more physical space between groups. It was very difficult to hear some voices.

Could the small group discussions be continued online in forums on County Website?

Other organizations to consider presentation other than Spawn?

→ Erosion Control? Help from County of Marin

Focus

What is the least the County can do to meet the law re: in danger species act and is the County willing to stand up to SPAWN to support salmon with minimal effect on Valley residents?

Suggestion

Perhaps have people from the County & SPAWN who can answer questions. e.g., Building codes/permits. What will change? What can be done for salmon? What are steps for getting change approved?

For May workshop –

Need a one Full month lead time, when time & place have been set, so notice can be advertised, circulated in community, topics organized, etc.

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Tree ordinance

Form a County-led Task Force on the new Tree ordinance. 2 or 3 Reps from each Valley group (VPG, SPAWN, Stewards). Work directly with County Staff and counsel. pshene@comcast.net

Nice meeting at the golf course.

PRODUCTIVE

Golf Course good place for meetings

Worked: Good Location

Golf Course meetings work well.

Format is fine so far. Will anything happen?

THERE IS NO DISCUSSION ON HOW THESE IDEAS WILL AFFECT THE SEP.

GREAT FACILITORS, LINDA, DANI
GOOD PROCESS.

STILL NEED MORE OUTREACH & EDUCATION ABOUT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE!

Great Meeting – Approve of the structure (except noisy in the beginning 12:40—1:00). Golf Course is perfect to work in groups – Important topics brought to the forefront.

What's great

- 1.) Meeting
- 2.) location / day -- time
- 3.) Facilitators
- 4.) Audience
- 5.) Lore of Valley

Was great to provide opportunity for people to come together and talk about these issues. Keep doing this as issues reach a flash point, or work needs to be done.

Liked the format both at property rights, and septic issues. Dani was excellent moderator

Great Spot

> Workshop topics good.

facilitated small groups helped me feel my ideas were being heard.

Well organized, nicely structured.

Good facilitator! (Dani)

Nice venue

Too much for 4 hours – but, a decent overview.

Too noisy for “hard of hearing,” need better system of organization to deliver summaries – then it would all be perfect!

Thanks! Well done overall!

We support this process

Good start.