

Letters: Calling all Meyers residents

To the community,

It has been wonderful to see all of the comments you have been sending on the Meyers Area Plan; however, we need to remain diligent to make sure the new Meyers Area Plan reflects what we want for our community. Please mark your calendars for March 19, 6-8pm at the CCC building, if you haven't already.

Preparing for March 19 meeting:

We were assured by our Supervisor Norma Santiago at the Feb. 26 meeting that we, the Meyers Community, would be heard at this March 19 meeting. This is our community and our plan – and our opportunity to speak up. Unfortunately, there is a lot of unclear, confusing information out there, so please review the Meyers Area Plan for yourself. It's not very fun reading, but it's important for the future of the community we have chosen to live in. But also, we must be careful to keep in mind that there are some rules in TRPA's Regional Plan Update that will impact Meyers, yet are not mentioned in the Area Plan. See TRPA's Code online.

For example:

Chapter 37 of TRPA's Code includes 22 pages regarding height and exceptions that would allow more height. As it appears most people who have commented on height appear to like existing buildings like Century 21 and Bob Dog's Pizza – which are not even as tall as the draft Area Plan currently proposes – without considering additional exceptions – perhaps we consider some language in the Meyers Area Plan to limit or prohibit the exceptions allowed in the TRPA Code?

Also, although we have heard there are "limits" on new

commodities in Meyers, like commercial floor area, tourist units, etc., TRPA's Code Chapter 50 allows these uses to be transferred, converted, and otherwise made available just about anywhere in the basin. If we want limits on these commodities, then let's make sure our area plan says so.

New Meyers community website:

We want to help our community make informed decisions based on the facts. On that note, given there is so much information that relates to future plans for Meyers, and a lot of interest from the community, we have created a website to help keep you informed. Please go online to learn more and obtain information regarding other issues and plans which can affect Meyers, but that are not necessarily mentioned in the Meyers Area Plan language. Keep checking back too – we will keep the website updated as new information becomes available.

We will continue to remain diligent as well, with volunteers out to encourage attendance at the March 19 meeting and continue to obtain signatures on petitions for those who do not want the major increases in development currently in the draft Meyers Area Plan. In addition, we will remain in touch to provide additional information up until the March 19 meeting, and hope to see you all there.

Thank you,

Your fellow Meyers Area Residents and Business Owners

Joe Cardinale, resident

Jennifer Quashnick, resident

Jan Roman-Gonzales, resident and owner of Jan's Preschool and Childcare

Moya Sanders, resident