

Meadow Vista Protection Update August 29, 2007

Greetings. You are receiving this email because you have previously expressed interest in Meadow Vista Protection (MVP).

MVP needs your help. We need volunteers, activists and members committed to correct the county's mistakes.

What mistakes? How about claiming (as the Planning Commission did at the appeal in July) that Chevreux's 1972 asphalt plant permit, which was not used for a quarter century, is still valid and has not lapsed. This decision has been appealed again to the Board of Supervisors, and a hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Monday October 1st at 1:30pm in the Planning Commission Hearing Room. Please plan on attending this hearing and send any letters to the board of supervisors *prior* to the hearing. We will keep you posted if the date or time changes.

The Planning Commission claim that the permit is still valid despite the county's ordinances that have existed since 1972, and have been strengthened in the past 35 years, that clearly state that if a permitted use is discontinued for more than one year, the CUP is no longer valid and the land owner must reapply for a new permit. In 2001, 26 years after their permit was issued, Chevreux fired up an asphalt plant and ran it only a few months. Yet the county made no effort to apply its own laws then...and it STILL ISN'T DOING ANYTHING NOW. They also claim that an opinion by the county's Planning Director written in 1987 allowed for Chevreux's "intermittent" use of the permit...which today's Planning Director interprets to mean ANY TIME THAT CHEVREUX WANTS TO MAKE ASPHALT IS OK, WITH NO RESTRICTIONS. They can bid on projects that will span years, with unlimited restrictions on the number of truckloads and times of operation. A large Interstate 80 project could have trucks running 24/7 for YEARS.

MVP only asks that the county follow its own laws, treat everyone equally and require that the Chevreux plant apply for a new permit so that the environmental impacts on Meadow Vista be considered and fully mitigated before issuing any permits. **Our attorneys have withdrawn from our law suit against Chevreux as we have not been able to raise enough money to pay our legal bills** - Bills that were intentionally run up by Chevreux's attorney. So unfortunately, we may not be able to proceed with this litigation. **We must find alternative legal representation or withdraw our lawsuit (with the right to re-file it) before September 25 or the suit will be dismissed without the right to re-file it at a later date.**

The MVP Board also needs your input, as we plan on having a vital discussion to figure out our strategy and generate more public awareness and support. We have many volunteer jobs available that may be as simple as participating in a phone tree, calling government representatives, passing out flyers, meeting with other concerned groups and assisting with fund raising activities. We also need people with clerical and computer skills. Please get involved and protect your quality of life, your health and our air and water.

Thank-you for all you do,
The MVP 2007-2008 Board of Directors

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