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Answers to questions given to Supervisor Joe Centeno from CVPAC.

1. What is happening with the Ranchoil Estates development 1 mile west of New Cuyama on Highway 166?

Everyone connected with the development wanted to annex with New Cuyama . They contacted property owners, had a hearing.

2. What part of Cuyama Valley in S.B. County are you representing?

It is a big area. The area should come from you people. He will hire a consultant to help put the plan together. He is going to ask for money, \$150,00 to \$200,000 to write the plan. We should select 11-12 people to develop the plan. The design of the plan should come out of dialogue.

3. How do we go about protecting the rural atmosphere in Cuyama Valley? That was the intent of the Planning Committee.

This can be done by zoning, designation of open space, a community plan, open space areas, conservation easements as examples. You can change the areas of a plan with environmental analysis, but a plan almost locks it in.

4. What will be the approximate cost of the houses in the new development, and is that to satisfy the low-income quota for Santa Barbara County?

There is no low-income housing designated for Cuyama. The houses here are already reasonable in comparison.

5. How will you know that there is water available for new development in Cuyama?

You have to have water for development. The water district could tell us. There will be no permits unless they can be serviced by water. That would have to be answered before development would be permitted.

6. How can you provide for monitoring of the quality of the air in Cuyama Valley?

That is the responsibility of the APCD. There have been meetings with the SB and SLO APCD regarding this, one with the ranchers and one with the complainants. There will be another meeting scheduled within the next 3 to 4 weeks and then a public hearing for the permits. It was stated from the audience that the school district has an obligation in their Safe School Plan to determine if the air quality is safe to allow children outside

for recess, but they can't do that because there is no air monitoring device in Cuyama. Supervisor Centeno said he would look into funds to set up a station.

7. Could Highway 166 be designated a scenic route.

Yes it could and there is a process to do it. It would be a great thing. He then gave Judy a 2 page procedure to go through.

8. When will the 2nd draft of the EIR for the Troesch mine be available?

He gave out the hand-out that he received today.