

Public meeting with Joe Centeno

New Cuyama Recreation Hall

Jan. 24, 2007

11:00 a.m.

Mr. Centeno asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Mr. Centeno said that he was working with Mr. Carpenter on a \$35,000 grant for the water system in Ventucopa. They are applying for a grant for remediation of the problems with the system.

Mr. Centeno has received several e-mails from people in Ojai who are concerned with the mine development and/or expansions in Cuyama Valley. The problem is the truck traffic that would impact them. It was suggested that all the trucks travel north to 166 rather than through Ojai, and Mr. Centeno said he wouldn't allow that. He needed more discussion with Supervisor Ventura.

A notice of delinquent taxes was sent for the property in the townsite that is needed for the Cuyama Rec. Hall project. The deadline is Feb. 13, 07. He stated money has been set aside for the swimming pool with a timeline of 3 ½ years.

Highway 166 has dangerous conditions, and they are working with Cal Trans to try to make left-hand turn lanes and possible passing lanes. Cal Trans has said they have proposed \$15 million for 166 in Cuyama.

Mr. Centeno is putting together a group to work with the Cuyama people to develop a plan. There are two types of plans that can be developed. One is intensive and one is much simpler and easier to change. That is the kind he suggests. It would not need an EIR. The county is beginning the budget process, and he will ask for money for advisors to help us write a plan in the correct manner. We need a group of 10 to 15 people who would be dedicated to writing a plan. The group would determine the area of the plan as it would be written for their community.

The Ranchoil Housing Tract is zoned for housing. It is 62 acres.

As of Feb. 1, 2007, Jack Boison will be Mr. Centeno's assistant. His phone number is 805.346.8396

The meeting was opened for discussion.