



State of Scotts Valley Meeting

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Donna Lind, Mayor of Scotts Valley, as well as Vice Mayor Randy Johnson, Council member Dene Bustichi and City Manager Jenny Haruyama, came to Monteville on Saturday, Sept. 16, for a community meeting sponsored by the Scotts Valley Senior Life Association (formerly known as the Monteville Community Life Association).

The event was an opportunity for senior citizens to learn more about what is happening in Scotts Valley and plans for the future.

Discussion topics included:

- Three hotels being built or in the planning stages. When completed, these will bring the city about \$1 million annually in tax revenue.
- A partnership with UCSC, which will be moving their administrative offices to the former Borland property on a 30-year lease.
- Kaiser Permanente opening three medical facilities in the county, the largest being in Scotts Valley.
- The long-anticipated Town Center project. When completed, this mixed use project is expected to provide low-cost rental housing, a wide range of retail offerings, and increased sales-tax revenue.

- The Community Performing Arts Center, in the Nob Hill Shopping Center, will encompass 9,000 sq. ft. in where the roller rink was located. Nearly a half million dollars in labor, materials and dollars have already been contributed. Construction will begin after the City Council approves the architectural plans.

Other communication points included:

- The General Plan for Scotts Valley has been in the updating phase since 2014, and is continuing to be worked upon.
- The city has been using recycled water in areas and projects where appropriate. The Water District is working on injecting highly treated recycled water into the aquifer below Scotts Valley to reduce overdraft.
- The City Council has a website open to all to find out about agendas as well as Minutes from their meetings (<http://www.scottsvalley.org>).
- Aviza Properties has not submitted any plans to the City Council.
- The city won a lawsuit against Santa Cruz County, bringing \$2.2 million to Scotts Valley. This figure represents the City's share of property tax which the County had not delivered. The reimbursement is being spread over three years.

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