



SMART GROWTH: How can building on the last remaining open space in Santa Clara Valley be considered smart growth when many potential sites for infill development exist within the urban boundaries of San Jose? Development in Coyote Valley will only exacerbate urban sprawl.

CITY FINANCE: The infrastructure cost for the Coyote Valley Specific Plan is expected to exceed \$2 billion. With empty promises made by developers in the past, do we really expect them to foot this bill? As in other instances, we can expect much of the cost of sewer extensions, a new water treatment facility, schools, police and fire services, hospitals, libraries, and roads will be paid by San Jose taxpayers. Furthermore, this added cost to taxpayers would represent a drain on resources that should be going to services for those who already live here. San Jose is currently in a budget deficit. The San Jose 2020 General plan specifically states that CV development will not occur until the city has demonstrated a balanced budget for five years.

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WHAT IS COYOTE VALLEY?

Coyote Valley is a beautiful stretch of land between Morgan Hill and San Jose. It is a wildlife corridor between the Diablo Range in the East and Santa Cruz Mountains in the west, an important resource for wildlife populations in these areas.

The Valley has many listed species that need to be protected, like the Tule Elk, North American Badger, Burrowing Owl, California Tiger Salamander, Red Legged Frog, and Bay Checkerspot Butterfly.

The Coyote Valley Specific Plan includes 25,000 new residential units, which will bring 80,000 people to the area. This is the equivalent of a city the size of Mountain View! This plan also includes an artificial, 55-acre lake, a glaring example of environmental negligence.





Bay Checkerspot Butterfly


Due to increased traffic, nitrogen deposition will threaten their rare serpentine habitat

CALL TO ACTION! WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The approval of the Draft Environmental Impact Report has been delayed due to overwhelming public criticism of the document.

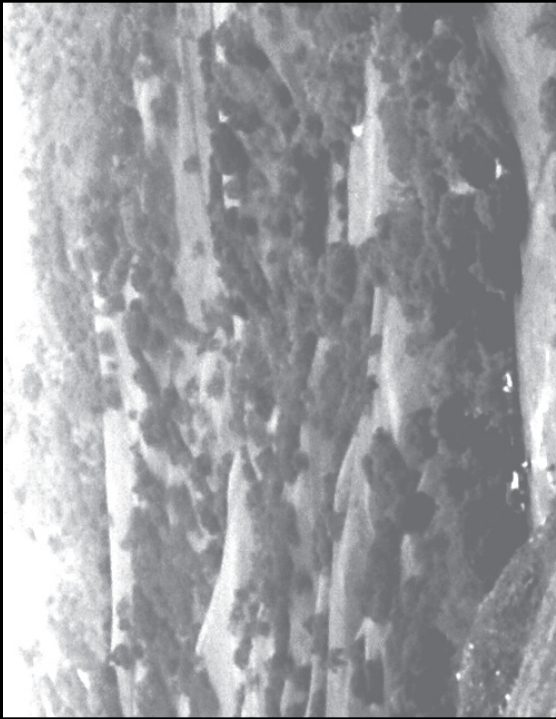
 **GET INVOLVED** Support the growing community concerned about this development project. There is a lot of work to be done, contact Save Coyote Valley! to get involved: coyotevalley@inbox.com or visit our website: www.savecoyotevalley.com

 **ATTEND AN EVENT** There are many upcoming City Council and Task Force Meetings related to Coyote Valley. Attend a meeting or rally to voice your opinion.

 **WRITE ELECTED OFFICIALS** Contact your district representative and council members Forest Williams & Nancy Pyle, co-chairs of the CV Task Force

Tule Elk: CVSP will eliminate a potential migration route





SAVE COYOTE VALLEY!

A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE concerned citizens who know that Coyote Valley is not suitable for any further development. Coyote Valley is home to unique ecological resources, prime farmland, and has a history that stretches back to the Native Ohlone peoples.

We are for a more sustainably planned San José. We should preserve what open space we have left, continue to develop with infill growth and provide for the needs of our existing community.

Burrowing Owl

3,600 acres of their habitat will be destroyed under the Coyote Valley Specific Plan

