

## Notes for the Eldridge Presentation at the January 8, 2018 meeting

Timeline: SDC will close in Dec. 2018

- First meeting with stakeholders, including the state, county, and local organizations including the forum, was in September. Reps from Department of Developmental Services, Department of General Services, etc. were present (among many others). Primarily for the benefit of the state: Wallace Roberts and Todd (WRT), the urban planning design firm hired by the State of California to address SDC redevelopment, outlined the assets and some of the constraints on the property. We all know the assets; constraints pertain to infrastructure and the status of buildings on the campus.
- Second meeting, followed by a community meeting, were postponed by fire. Now looking at second meeting (date not finalized) in early February/maybe into March. This will look at constraints and details more in-depth.

What's changed/what's urgent:

- Fire has impacted the status of the property and structures
- Housing has moved to the forefront

In the meantime, the two members of the Forum's met with stakeholder reps from other local entities including the:

Sonoma Ecology Center (watersheds and sustainability)

Sonoma Land Trust (open space and wildlife corridor)

Glen Ellen Historical Society (historical buildings and legacy)

Glen Ellen Forum (community impact, open space, and sustainability)

We discussed moving forward in a coordinated way. We don't want to duplicate efforts, and we also want to fortify the messages of our organizations. We want to add:

Audubon Canyon Ranch (Bouverie)

Sonoma Mountain Preservation

Valley of the Moon Natural History Association

Jack London Park Partners

The goal is to pull together a conceptual plan to present to the community, and then to the state and the county. We feel that if the local organizations come forward with a conceptual plan that meets mutual objectives (preservation of open space, meeting urgent housing needs, recreational access, preserving historical assets, securing educational facilities, promoting community, identifying business and light industrial opportunities that will promote critical economic viability), we stand a chance better chance of shaping what happens on the property.

We are competing with entities that carry political clout and are well-funded By presenting a unified vision from the grassroots, one that's viable and takes into

consideration all aspects of sustainability, from community to wildland to economics, we feel we can secure the legislative and gubernatorial to make it happen.

Next step: We would present the conceptual plan to the Forum/community at a meeting. Throw darts at it. This is big picture, and a chance to incorporate the experience and expertise of the community.

Take a look at the resources on [glenellenca.org](http://glenellenca.org) under the committees heading, and at the transition SDC site.

Our Committee's draft goals:

Protect existing open space and wildlife corridors • Foster development and uses that promote and benefit the Glen Ellen community and residents, with an emphasis on community rather than tourism • Promote development of a viable economic engine • Preserve the site's historic character • Preserve the site's healthcare legacy • Preserve the semirural character of Glen Ellen • Minimize the overburdening of limited resources, including roads, water, sewer, and energy infrastructures • Maintain existing circulation arteries and levels of service • Encourage reuse of existing structures and stay within the existing building footprints, to the extent possible.

This will be a dedicated meeting. We'll keep you posted on date and location.