

# Santa Margarita Ranch Update

The Santa Margarita Ranch is an extraordinary place with extraordinary historical, cultural, agricultural, biological, and archeological significance. The county Planning Commission is scheduled to hold public hearings on the proposal for a 112-lot residential subdivision (a so-called “ag-cluster”). The “future development” also being considered includes:

- 347 additional homes
- a private 36-hole golf course
- a 250-unit guest ranch and lodge
- amphitheater, café, craft studios, galleries and shops
- nine wineries with galleries, gift shops and large event centers
- livestock sales yard and café
- executive retreat
- other event locations (attracting up to 120,000 people/year)

The Final Environmental Impact Report for the ag cluster project and the future development released in June provides numerous reasons to deny this project. The EIR identifies 11 “Class I Impacts” – “significant and unavoidable” impacts – on air quality, water supplies, wildlife habitat, Native American cultural resources, traffic and roads, agricultural viability, and much, much more. You can read it at:

[www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/environmental/EnvironmentalNotices/Environmental\\_Impact\\_Reports\\_-\\_2008](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/environmental/EnvironmentalNotices/Environmental_Impact_Reports_-_2008)

**Let your voice be heard!!!**

**Please attend the Planning Commission hearings and the Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council (SMAAC) meeting noted on the back of this card.**

**The development now proposed for Santa Margarita Ranch will change our town – and our lives – forever! Now is the time to get informed, get involved, and let your voice be heard!**

## **Planning Commission Meetings:**

(County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St. SLO)

### **Monday, July 7 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting starts at 1:00, but the SM Ranch hearing is scheduled from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, July 24**

The meeting is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Three hours have been set aside for the SM Ranch hearing, but the agenda is not yet available.

*If you cannot attend the hearings, you can watch them live on Channel 21 or online at:*

[www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetingcalendar](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetingcalendar)

## **Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council**

### **Wednesday, July 9 ~ 7 p.m.**

**(at the Assistencia at SM Ranch)**

A majority of SMAAC representatives have historically supported all development proposals for the Ranch, while ignoring the issues and concerns of people who live here.

Let them know what you think!