

EDITORIAL

Ag Watchdog Aroused

The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC), performing its role as a watchdog for agriculture, has asked the Livermore City Council to hold the line on the South Livermore Plan's agricultural mitigation requirement.

The plan, with its goal of increasing planted agriculture, requires that one acre of agriculture be planted for every home and for each acre developed.

Ponderosa Homes proposes to build 51 houses on a 13-acre former school site and requests elimination of the ag mitigation requirement in exchange for a cash payment.

"The Tri-Valley Conservancy opposes the proposed amendments that change the agricultural agreement. Any reduction would compromise the integrity of this award winning plan," states Jean King, TVC chair.

The mitigation requirement is the heart of the South Livermore Plan. Right now it's beating strong. Let there be no weakening of it.