

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF GEYSERVILLE  
As amended at Town Meeting on April 4, 1983

To further common purposes the members of this unincorporated association agree to organize under these articles of association.

Article 1. Name

The name of this association shall be the Town of Geyserville.

Article 2. Principal Office

The principal office of the association shall be at Geyserville, County of Sonoma, State of California.

Article 3. Purposes

The purpose of this association shall be to:

A. consider and deal by all lawful means with common problems involved in securing land use planning and other municipal services and to secure cooperative action in advancing common civic purposes of the members of the association.

B. act as an advisory body, providing input to County agencies on matters concerning the community.

C. act as a coordinating body in matters relating to community development.

D. initiate and carry out local improvement projects such as beautification, recreation, etc., and receive and disburse funds therefor.

E. accomplish its purposes through nonpartisan and nonsectarian activities and to refrain from participating in any political activities.

F. do anything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of any purposes set forth in the statement of principles adopted by the founders of this association.

#### Article 4. Powers

In furtherance of the objects described above, but not in limitation thereof, the association shall have power to collect and disseminate statistics and other information, to conduct investigations, to engage in various funding and fund-raising activities, to conduct promotion activities, including advertising and publicity, in or by any suitable manner or media, and to hold such property as is necessary to effectuate its purposes.

#### Article 5. Membership

A. Qualifications. Any person over the age of 18 years who is (a) a natural person residing within the boundaries of the Geyserville Unified School District (hereinafter the planning area), or (2) a property owner within the planning area, or (3) a commercial or industrial tenant within the planning area is a member of the association.

B. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the association. Proxy voting is not permitted.

#### Article 6. Meetings

A. Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the association during the month of April, for election of members of Planning Committee, receiving reports, and transacting other business. Meetings shall be open to the public. Special meetings of the association may be called from time to time by the Planning Committee following the giving of reasonable notice.

B. Quorum. Twenty-five of the active members of this association, when present at any duly called and noticed meeting, shall constitute a quorum, and in case there is less than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

C. Agenda. The business to be conducted at the annual meeting shall be:

- (1) Report of the Planning Committee.
- (2) Election of members of Planning Committee.
- (3) Such other business deemed appropriate by the Planning Committee.

Article 7. Officers and Committees

A. Officers. The officers of this association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. All officers must be members of the Planning Committee. Other offices may be established by the members of the association at the regular annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by the members of the Planning Committee at their next regular meeting following the regular annual meeting of the association.

B. The Planning Committee.

(1) This association shall be governed by a Planning Committee consisting of seven members.

(2) At the 1983 annual meeting, the officers of the association and the members of the Planning Committee shall be elected from a group of nominees selected as follows: one each from organized civil groups within the planning area and an unlimited number that may be nominated from the floor. Members of the Planning Committee shall have staggered terms of two (2) years. At the first meeting of the Planning Committee the members thereof shall determine, by lot, which three of them shall serve initial terms of one (1) year.

(3) Until the election of their successors at the 1983 annual meeting, the following persons shall constitute the Planning Committee:

Josephine Del Sarto  
Richard Dilworth  
Otto Hoefler  
Robert Hope  
Paul Ramses  
Dean Turbeville  
Joel Zunino

At the annual meeting at which these Articles are adopted, the officers of the association shall be selected by the membership from the Planning Committee.

(4) The Planning Committee may remove any member, who misses three or more consecutive meetings of the committee.

(5) The Planning Committee shall fill any vacancy by appointing any qualified member of the association for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant position.

(6) The Planning Committee may establish such standing and ad hoc committees as it deems necessary provided such committees consist of members of the association and are chaired by members of the Planning Committee.

(7) The Planning Committee shall negotiate and administer a non-binding memorandum of understanding with the County of Sonoma so that the purposes of the association may be realized.

(8) All meetings of the Planning Committee and of any standing or ad hoc committee shall be open to the public.

(9) The officers of the association shall serve as the officers of the Planning Committee.

(10) A majority of the members of the Planning Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article 8. Amendments to Articles

These articles may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the association.

Article 9. Bylaws

Bylaws may hereafter be adopted by the Planning Committee. Such bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, in the manner provided therein, and the amendments to the bylaws shall be binding on all members, including those who may have voted against them.

Article 10. Distribution of Property on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this association its property shall be distributed as follows: as ordered by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors after consideration of any recommendation by the Planning Committee provided that if possible any donated funds will be returned to the doner.

We certify that these articles of association were approved by a majority vote of members thereof at a duly noticed meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1983, at Geyserville, California.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Whereas, the Town of Geyserville, an unincorporated association, and the County of Sonoma are desirous of formalizing, on a non-binding basis, a system of communication so that the Town may have an effective voice in County decision-making and so that County may have the timely views of the Town;

Now, therefore, be it understood by and between the parties that:

1. County recognizes the Planning Committee of the Town of Geyserville, an unincorporated association, as the representative of the Geyserville area for land use planning matters.
2. County will endeavor to have its departments and officers solicit comments from the Planning Committee on all matters affecting the Geyserville Planning area.
3. Planning Committee will endeavor to supply such comments within 15 days of request.
4. County will not be expected to delay decisions to await comments from Town when Town has had adequate notice.
5. Town may, from time to time, bring to the attention of County's boards, commissions, committees, officers and departments matters concerning the Town that warrant County attention.
6. It is not the intent of the parties to constitute the Town as an additional level of government.
7. Neither party intends this memorandum to be binding or to create rights in third parties.

TOWN OF GEYSERVILLE

Date: May 11, 1982

By *[Signature]*, President

COUNTY OF SONOMA

Date: 7-15-82

By *[Signature]*  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST. JUN 14 1982

EEVE T. LEWIS, County Clerk & ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the State of California, in & for the County of Sonoma. By [Signature] Deputy

*Esposito PC*

Resolution No. 72210

Administration Building, Santa Rosa, California

Date July 13, 1982

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SONOMA COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF GEYSERVILLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, the Sonoma County Director of Planning and the Planning Committee of the Town of Geyserville have all agreed to have an understanding that land use planning matters concerning the Geyserville Planning Area are to be referred to that Committee for comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement known as a "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Geyserville Planning Committee as attached.

SUPERVISORS:

Adams Absent Putnam Aye Rudee Aye Carpenter Aye Esposito Aye  
Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 Abstain 0

SO ORDERED.