

# Town hall meetings give rise to community projects

West Point residents are joining forces to make their community a better place to life.

Two separate meetings brought agreement to embark on projects focused on reviving the local economy, revitalizing the town, creating a West Point community development plan, and developing a bike trail.

The first meeting, held on March 9 at the West Point Community Hall, focused on five topics:

Painting the Rebekah Hall, organizing an area

clean-up, creating a West Point business council, writing a new town general plan and creating a town economic development plan.

The second, held at the West Point Library on March 11 focused on a project, tentatively designated as the Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solution (CHIPS).

CHIPS will research a venture to generate revenue and create jobs, involving several agencies and other groups, including the Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuks, the Calaveras Mountain Mi-

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*District 2 supervisor*

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Wuks, the Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Pacific Industries, the Fire Safe Council, Calworks, the Foothill Conservancy and

the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign.

Calaveras County District 2 supervisor Steve Wilensky said, “West Point has some of the highest unemployment rates and lowest median income rates in the region.

“The community can work to overcome these obstacles by creating programs to plan the future of the community, stimulate economic vitality and boost the residents’ sense of community pride.”

West Point will hold a

Rebekah Hall community work party on May 28 and 29, at which the entire community will close off Main Street and work together to paint the building.

May has been designated as ‘Clean-Up Month’ in West Point, according to Wilensky. The county has set aside \$75,000 in county funds for dumpsters, car haulers and dump trucks.

The county has also offered part-time use of a \$180,000 chipper, which could be used as part of the CHIPS effort.