

# Want to Buy an Airport? Carmel Valley Beckons You

SPEAKING of funding, if you're interested in investing Big Time in this magnificent piece of land just east of the city of Carmel, this piece of heaven called Carmel Valley which many of us also call home, has an open air strip where many of us run, walk our dogs, picnic, store our supplies, welcome Santa (at Christmas, of course) ride our horses, and, most importantly, fight our fires and rescue our citizens, and it

has a for sale sign on it. It's been there for at least 15 years.

The only thing this strip of land doesn't have on it is an airplane. And that's because it can't legally be used for an airport any longer. Reason: too close to Tularcitos Elementary School, and in its present condition, it doesn't pass the smell test for planes.

But it offers great promise for all of the other items mentioned, plus dozens of other

potential events.

CVWC member Cynthia Hall is a member of the board of directors of the year-old Carmel Valley Save Open Space organization, established to find a means to purchase this property and turn it over to the Carmel Valley Parks District to maintain as an open public space for all to use. It served its purpose well (below), particularly for the devastating Basin fire of 2008.

The sale price is around 3 million, give or take a hundred thousand, and Cynthia says, "It's a golden opportunity to purchase it and have that as a safety net for our community. The thing is to be proactive and purchase it now." The CVSOS is now a non-profit 501 ( c ) (3) and the board is looking for members, hopefully some from outside Carmel Valley. If you're interested please contact Cynthia ([cynthiahall@comcast.net](mailto:cynthiahall@comcast.net)).



*Santa's annual helicopter fly in at Christmas*



*Staging at the CV Basin fire, August, 2008*



*Aerial view of the staging area with sleeping quarters*