

December 4 Carmel Pine Cone front page story featured the airfield purchase story.

Our response to the editor, published Dec. 11, 2020

Dear Editor:

I am writing this to resolve information in the Dec. 4 page-one article on the Carmel Valley airfield, including the proper name of the community group active in working to preserve access: Carmel Valley Save Open Space (CVSOS).

CVSOS has assembled the financial and volunteer support of hundreds of local residents, and the endorsement of numerous officials particularly concerned about maintaining the emergency staging, fire protection, and community open space of the airfield property, which the public has enjoyed since the 1940's. CVSOS established non-profit status as a 501(c)(3).

We held numerous public meetings which included county officials, and hosted guest experts on public land acquisition, fire safety and home insurance issues. We established an active social media presence and a robust website. We researched the establishment of a benefit assessment with the CV Recreation and Park District, made two offers of purchase, and this August succeeded in having the Monterey County Board of Supervisors consider a partnership in the interest of public safety.

Many land trust community organizations take years to achieve their goals. We not only got "off the ground," but we took flight and are still airborne. We are confident that through the efforts of CVSOS the community will have a voice in working with the county and any new owner in maintaining community access to the historic airfield property. Readers can learn more about our ongoing efforts at [cvsos.org](https://cvsos.org).

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