



# San Luis Sustainability Group

Sustainable planning

Green architecture

Appropriate Technology

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Dear Carol Shennan,

Enclosed is a summary of the brainstorming session for the CASFS future housing held on Monday June 18th. Sorry we weren't able to meet with you as well. If you prefer a hard copy of this material (or simply didn't receive it), please let us know.

In our minds, it does point up the need for a clear graphic illustration of the whole master plan for the CASFS. Uses like new approach, parking, public access (and accessibility), existing and future infrastructure--water, power, etc., and how their production or use might be more sustainable are all still not so clear (at least to us) that siting of your future housing is obvious.

The "Organizing Principles" are a good start in identifying how to approach these issues.

I will be teaching a third year Architectural Design studio at Cal Poly, beginning mid-September. It might be possible to provide an exciting learning experience for the design students by exploring some of the possible concepts and scenarios for the future of CASFS, especially focusing on the need for more permanent housing, with the class. (Their work can often help clarify things and provide some ideas--though generally they don't have the experience to be truly practical),

Should you want to become involved, the following would be very helpful:

1. Aerial photos
2. Topographic maps

3. Information regarding existing infrastructure
4. Any other written goals or objective (other than the organizing principles and the brainstorming session).
5. Any other planning documents
6. Ability to schedule time to meet with the students, ideally at least three, possible four times during the quarter.

- A. **Initial Meeting** (plus camp out for students) - Sept. 28 or sometime the week of Oct. 1.
- B. **Interim Reviews** - c. October 19 at Santa Cruz and/or November 5 or 7 at Cal Poly.
- C. **Final Review**- preferably at Cal Poly, but possibly at U.C.S.C. c. Dec. 3 or 5.

### **What might come out of this work?**

1. Graphic descriptions of the existing conditions and sustainability issues.
2. Illustration of design approaches and techniques which would be relevant.
3. Schematic designs in the form of physical models and drawings which would take 1 and 2 into account.

### **What might it be used for?**

1. Jumping off place for similar, but professional, process
2. Clarifying to CASFS how some of the important issues interrelate.
3. Visualization of various alternative arrangements--re. circulation, scale, etc.
4. Opportunity for positive publicity for the project.

If you would like to explore this possibility, please email or call me right away, since I need to prepare for the class.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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