

**HUASNA VALLEY ASSOCIATION**  
WORKING TO PRESERVE THE RURAL / AGRICULTURAL  
SETTING OF THE HUASNA VALLEY  
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**Huasna Valley Association Holds Arroyo Grande Community BBQ  
and Silent Auction - September 14<sup>th</sup> noon to 4pm at Portuguese Hall**  
**Local fundraiser to support work building awareness and helping  
assure the proposed oil project in Huasna Valley  
meets community standards.**

Huasna Valley, CA — September 8, 2008. The Huasna Valley Association will be hosting an Arroyo Grande Community BBQ and silent auction to help raise funds to support the association's efforts to address concerns surrounding the proposed Huasna Valley oil production project. The community BBQ will be held at the Arroyo Grande Portuguese Hall located at the intersection of Hwy 227 and Huasna Road. From noon to 4pm, the Huasna Valley Association will be serving BBQ meals for a suggested donation of \$15 per person (children 10 and under with adults eat free). Great food, music by "The 4 Guys Band", carnival activities and face painting for the kids, a raffle and silent auction, and an on-going presentation by HVA coordinator Ron Skinner will round out this full day of activity and information.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at the Arroyo Grande Farmer's Market (Saturday's noon – 2:30 pm) or by calling the Huasna Valley Association at 805-474-4850. More information is available on the HVA web site [www.HuasnaValley.org](http://www.HuasnaValley.org)

The HVA hopes to raise awareness of issues impacting Arroyo Grande including the newly proposed revision to the oil tanker route announced by Supervisor Katcho Achadjian; raise environmental concerns including the need for an Environmental Impact Report addressing issues such as air, soil, water, and noise pollution and fire hazard; question the bottom line economics of this Energy Resource Development; and discuss the lack of a county-wide Energy Resource Development Plan that would provide standards for new Energy Resource Development projects in the future. These and other concerns of the Huasna and Arroyo Grande communities will be discussed in an open dialog with HVA coordinator Ron Skinner at the Sunday BBQ event.

The Huasna Valley Association will also give a presentation to the public attending the Special Arroyo Grande City Council Meeting scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, which will be held at the South County Regional Center in Arroyo Grande. The purpose of this special meeting is to focus on the proposed oil production project in Huasna and the impacts it will have on the City of Arroyo Grande.

Also that week, Supervisor Katcho Achadjian has called his second public informational meeting to discuss the proposed project. This meeting will be on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm and will also to be held at the South County Regional Center in Arroyo Grande.

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