

Appendix 9: Projects That Could Have Been

There are at least three projects that could have had a significant impact on the city of Cloverdale had they been successful. One of the projects worked on while Davini was a member of the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce was a proposal to develop a State Park at the Geysers. A second significant project was the possible development of a State College at Asti, and a third project was a possible motel at Asti.

- A. **Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce Proposal for the Geysers State Park.** The Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce made a strong bid for having the Geysers as one of the many California State Parks. At the time the proposal was made to the State of California most of the steam vents were not capped off for generation of electricity. The Geysers was wild and scenic and was operated as a private resort. As it turned out, the interests of private developers of steam power had far more influence and saw the chance for huge financial gain.
- B. **California State College, Asti.** As you can see from the many letters in this section, a lot of effort was made to site a California State College at Asti, California. The effort was not successful, but if it had been, there would probably be another large town just south of Cloverdale.

Letter to California State Director of Finance - August 28, 1958

Letter to Walter Sandlin - August 28, 1958

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California Public Works Hearing Agenda - September 30, 1958

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Bob Meyer Memo - October 14, 1958

Letter to Mr. Bianchini - February 16, 1959

Letter to Mr. Bianchini - March 13, 1959

- C. **Asti Motel.** Italian Swiss Colony was always of great interest to the Davinis. They made many friends in the upper levels of management in San Francisco and Cloverdale. They were invited to many social events and often took friends and relatives on tours of Asti. The Davinis even had distant relatives associated with the Angelo Petri wine family. Dave Davini's dream was to develop a motel and restaurant complex near the office and tasting room.

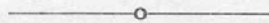
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PROPOSAL FOR
THE GEYSERS
STATE PARK

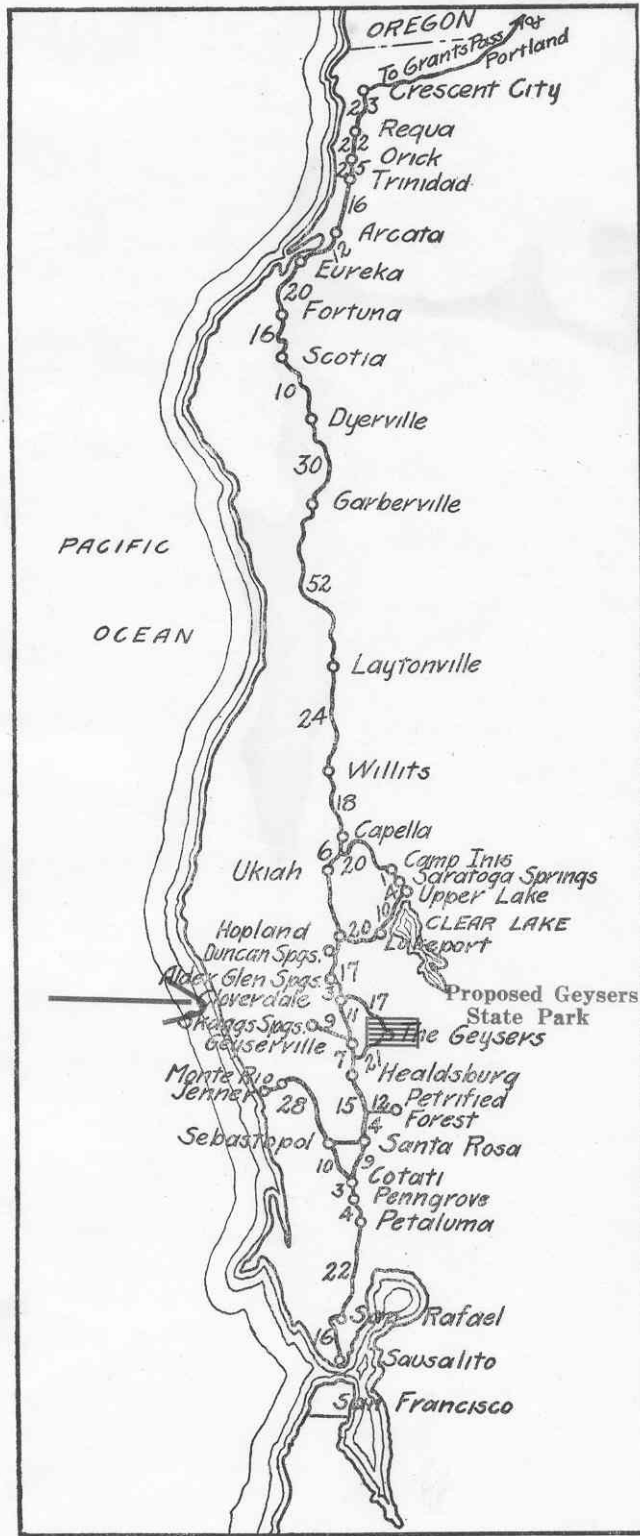
Located in Sonoma and Lake Counties

In the Heart of the Redwood Empire



This Proposal is Made by
Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce
CLOVERDALE, CALIFORNIA

Map of the
REDWOOD EMPIRE
 Showing Location of Proposed
GEYSERS STATE PARK



PROPOSAL FOR THE GEYSERS STATE PARK

Next November the voters of California will be called upon to vote an issue of six million dollars in bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to pay one-half the cost of State Parks, the total expenditure for which will be twelve million dollars, every dollar of the bond issue to be matched by an equal amount from private gift or other sources than the state.

"One of the most far-sighted investments California can make," is the declaration of Duncan McDuffie, Chairman of the California State Parks Council. "These parks will be properties which will enhance in value year by year and pay increasing dividends by keeping alive the beauty and interest of California as an attraction to tourists and all lovers of the out-of-doors."

This total of twelve million dollars should be so invested as to procure for the people of California the most desirable property, suitable for park purposes, that can be purchased.

In the center of the great Redwood Empire, which is rapidly becoming a playground for California people and which attracts thousands of tourists each year, lies an area of almost virgin mountain land that is unique in its features, beautiful in its wild, natural scenery, healthful as to climate, and easily accessible over well kept highways and can be reached by stage or rail.

The area to which reference is made lies in the northeastern corner of Sonoma County and the southwestern portion of Lake County. The proposed park forms an irregular rectangle, 9 miles long and 6 miles wide, having its westerly line about five and one-half miles east of the Redwood Highway, and its easterly boundary adjacent to the highway which runs northward through Napa and Lake Counties, by way of Calistoga, Middletown and Kelseyville. Its

northern boundary is the County line between Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, running eastward into Lake County; and its southern limit the township line six miles south of the northern County line of Sonoma County.

In the center of this area lies one of the natural wonders of the American continent—THE GEYSERS.

The extent of the proposed park is approximately fifty-two (52) square miles, with but a very small fraction now under cultivation for farming purposes. The proposed park abounds in places of great scenic beauty—mountains, canyons, glens, streams, and meadows. Within its boundary is Cobb Mountain covered with a splendid body of pine timber—giant trees that rival any of this species. Numerous streams of pure spring water are found in every part of this area; besides which there are springs impregnated with iron and other minerals, hot springs, and finally, THE GEYSERS, spouting their columns of live steam into the surrounding atmosphere—not occasionally, but always—the most astonishing sight to be found anywhere on the American continent.

The proposed park can be reached from the cities around San Francisco Bay by automobile over the paved Redwood Highway to Healdsburg, Geyserville and Cloverdale. From the north the Redwood Highway comes south through Willits, Ukiah and Hopland. The people from the interior counties of California can reach this proposed park also over the highway which extends through Napa and Lake Counties, by way of Napa, St. Helena, Calistoga, Middletown, Kelseyville and Lakeport, also the Ukiah-Tahoe State Highway under construction.

Stages run over the highways named; and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad gives ex-

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CABLE ADDRESS
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August 28, 1958

Mr. T. H. Mugford
Director of Finance
State of California
Department of Finance
Sacramento 14, California

Dear Mr. Mugford:

It is pleasing to learn that you have been appointed Director of Finance of the State of California. I congratulate you and extend to you good wishes on your appointment.

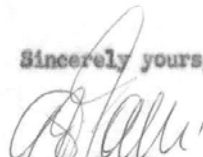
You are probably aware that I have had the privilege of submitting an offer of a site to the State Public Works Board for the proposed four year college to serve the four counties of Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma. The location is in Northern Sonoma County and the submission of this site was inspired by the comments made in the report by the Department of Education.

Many citizens of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties who are interested in the proposed college are pleased to learn of your intentions to meet with citizens of the respective areas.

I would be pleased if you would advise of the date and time that you will be in our area in order that we can, not only present the site to you and your board but also that those interested will be able to meet with you and discuss the various factors pertaining to the site and to the area to be served.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,


A. M. Galli
Manager

AEG:ac

cc: Mr. Bruce E Heiser
Mr. Robert Meyer
Mr. Walter Sandelin
Mr. David Davini ✓

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CABLE ADDRESS
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August 28, 1958

Mr. Walter Sandelin
Palace Hotel
Ukiah, California

Dear Walter:

You are probably aware that T. H. Mugford is now new Director of Finance for the State of California.

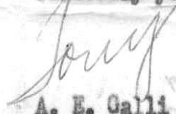
The Press Democrat of August 17th quoted him as saying that inspection of the sites offered for the four year college would be undertaken sometime after September 15th. He also indicated that he would interview citizens in the counties involved.

You may wish to alert some of your friends in regard to the interest of Mendocino County in the selection of the Asti site as the location of the college. It appears that we will have to be very diligent for the benefit of our area, namely, Mendocino, Lake, and Northern Sonoma County.

The situation with the Southern Alameda site and the favorable reaction of the site selection board to the Parks Air Base site indicates that the Asti site may impress them as favorably.

I will be away for the month of September but Robert Meyer of the Italian Swiss Colony and David Davini will follow this during that time.

Sincerely yours,


A. E. Galli
Manager

AEG:ac

cc: Robert Meyer
Dave Davini ✓

Mr. Bianchini

Asti

Bob Meyer

September 16, 1958

College Site

I would like to bring you up to date on the proposed college site. There will be a hearing in Santa Rosa on September 30 and our time is approximately 2:30 p.m. The different Chambers of Commerce will appear before the hearing board and present their cases for the school.

Tony Galli and Dave Davini are handling most of this and they will arrange to have a group present and either Tony or someone else to be chosen will make the pitch for Asti.

If there is anything further you would like to add on this subject as far as our public relations people are concerned, please let me know as soon as possible.

cc: Dave Davini
Tony Galli

Agenda for CALIFORNIA PUBLIC WORKS BOARD HEARING
September 30, 1958
Santa Rosa Junior College
Pioneer Hall Room 10

The meeting will be called to order by Chairman, T. H. Mugford,
at 10 a.m.

Witnesses to be heard are:

- 10 a.m. Paul Gollis, Rohnert Park, Cotati
- 10:15 a.m. Dr. William Kortum representing Cotati Chamber of
Commerce
1. Rohnert Park
2. Sierra Ave., near Cotati, bounded by Highway 101
- 10:30 a.m. W. P. Murray Jr., President, Petaluma Chamber of
Commerce
1. Kelsey Farm Site, NW of Petaluma at intersection of
Washington Street and Old Adobe Rd.,
2. Old Adobe Site, NE of Petaluma on Casa Grande Ave.,
Old Adobe Rd., and Frates Rd.
- 10:45 a.m. Mayor Arthur W. Parent of Petaluma
1. Kelsey Farm Site
2. Old Adobe Site
- 11:00 a.m. Scott O'Leary, President, Santa Rosa Chamber of
Commerce
1. Bethards Property, off Bennett Valley Road
2. Dedekam property, off Bennett Valley Road
3. Lagomarsino Property, NE of Santa Rosa in Rincon
Valley.
- 11:15 a.m. Mayor Charles Toohey of Santa Rosa and Sam Hood, City
Manager
1. Bethards property
2. Dedekam property
3. Lagomarsino property
- 11:30 a.m. Don D. Moore, Chairman, Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce
College Site Committee
1. Duttie property, Highway 101 N of Healdsburg with-
in City Limits
2. Emil R. Passalacqua property, 16648 Redwood Highway
N of Healdsburg.
- 11:45 a.m. Mrs. Helen Lampe and Elzo McCluskey
1. Wickiup Ranch, Highway 101, 5 miles N of Santa Rosa.
- 12 to 1:30 p.m. Recess for Luncheon

- 1:45 p.m. Sherman Dickensen and J. A. Tedford
1. Roads End Ranch, SE of Santa Rosa
- 2:00 p.m. Ted A. Bravos, President, Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce
1. Sonoma State Hospital property, SE portion
2. Kiser Ranch, Arnold Dr. and Watmaugh Rd., SW of Sonoma
3. Serres Ranch, 16060 Sonoma Highway, near Agua Caliente
4. Coblentze property, 5 miles SW of Sonoma
5. Silver Shoon Ranch, Highway 12, 7½ miles E of S.R.
- 2:30 p.m. Tony Galli, President, Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce
1. Asti Site, southerly end of lands owned by Italian Swiss Colony.
- 2:45 p.m. Ralph Shaffer,
1. Buck's Road property, 2½ miles S of Santa Rosa
- 3:00 p.m. Cave Outlaw
1. 180 acres approximately one-half mile N of Santa Rosa City Limits.
- 3:15 p.m. Dr. J. Donald Francis and Carlton Spridgen
1. Taylor Ranch, Kewanga Springs Road, SE of Santa Rosa.
- 3:30 p.m. Chairman Everett Lampson, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
1. Property sites in Sonoma County
- 3:45 p.m. E. A. Brown, Chairman, Joint Labor Committee, Sonoma County
1. Sonoma County sites.
- 4:00 p.m. Dr. DeForrest Hamilton, Superintendent of Sonoma County Schools
1. Property sites in Sonoma County.

At the California Public Works Board hearing in Santa Rosa on September 30, 1958, at which sponsors of Sonoma County Sites for a proposed 4 year college to serve the counties of Napa, Marin, Solano and Sonoma made oral presentations, the problems noted in the report of the State Department of Education relative to this matter became very apparent. Statements made at the luncheon which followed the meeting and newspaper accounts of interviews with some of the members of the hearing board both at Santa Rosa and in Vallejo suggested that a review of the history of AB4 and its preceding bills would be of benefit.

Senator Gibson, of Solano County, an advisory member of the State Public Works Board stated at the luncheon that he was in favor of a four year college in Sonoma County but that he wanted a four year college in the Napa, Solano area. News sources quote him as saying that there will be a delay in selecting a site under AB4 until after the legislature meets in January 1959. The same news stories quoted the director of finance as being cognizant of Senator Gibson's desires and that they would be given considerable weight.

When these statements by Mr. Gibson were called to Senator Abshire's attention he stated that there should be no necessity for any delay. The intent of the law can be carried out with no further action by the legislature. The selection of a site can be made with due consideration for Mr. Gibson's position as he had stated at the luncheon.

The political atmosphere at the present time and the probable make-up of the legislature and the state government after January 1, 1959, lends considerable force to Senator Gibson's intentions.

Senator Abshire is aware of these matters. He is very much concerned about the selection of the college site in Sonoma County and feels that action to bring this to a conclusion before the end of the year is imperative. He states that if the selection of the site can be consummated, then it will be possible to go into escrow and the transaction concluded. Details for a four year college for the other areas can be arrived at by understandings.

Senator Abshire has informed us about the history of the bills for a four year college.

He introduced the first bill for a four year college in the legislature for Sonoma County feeling that such a college could serve Sonoma County as well as giving practically equal service to the adjoining counties. This bill was followed by one introduced by Senator Gibson of Solano County. This resulted in an odd situation. The needs of the other areas, particularly the south did not permit of these bills becoming accepted since colleges had already been approved for other northern areas. As a result of the hearings and the legislative "jam" and possibly not to lose the appropriation and authorization - the two bills were joined together with the resultant impasse and problems of selection which now exists.

It is reported that the Department of Education could not find sufficient student potential for the four year college in the Napa Solano area at the time of the hearing but this did not prevent consolidating the two bills into AB 4.

Senator Gibson's statement that Sonoma County should have a four year college first if necessary but that the Napa Solano area should have the second may permit a solution of the problem in line with the intent of Senator Abshire's original bill.

In view of the department of Education report, that the four counties can be best served by more than one college because of the geographical differences, the distribution of the student potential, present and future and the freeway pattern, certainly justifies the contention that Sonoma County should be the area of location for the college site to be provided by AB 4.

Senator Gibson's opinion is well justified in indicating that the first college should be in Sonoma County, for the geographical differences and the road pattern lend further weight to the Senator's proposal. Further emphasis can be added by noting the homogeneous area which included Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties. Therefore if we follow the opening given by Senator Gibson, the intent of Senator Abshire's original bill, and the weight of the Department of Education report favoring Sonoma County, then it becomes a matter of directing the attention of those who make the decisions to these factors.

The site of the college in Sonoma County should be such that it not only serves the students of Sonoma County but those of Mendocino and Lake Counties. It should also be so situated that it will not interfere with the selection of a college site in Napa and Solano counties nor with the location of a college in Marin County.

The site sponsored by the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce at Asti, California, fulfills these requirements. It will fill a void in the four year college system that now prevails in this area.

The present state colleges are located at Arcata in Humboldt, Chico, Sacramento, San Jose and San Francisco. The student population at present in the area is penalized by the high costs they must contend with and the great distances to the colleges. This deters the students and prevents most of them from pursuing a higher education.

As a result of statements at the California Public Works Board hearing and luncheon held at the Santa Rosa Junior College on September 30, 1958, and a subsequent discussion with Senator Abshire relative to AB 4, the difficulties in locating a 4 year college in one of the counties of Napa, Solano, Marin and Sonoma were brought into the open and an inquiry into the history of the bill seemed imperative.

Senator Gibson was quoted in the Santa Rosa papers reaffirming his stand and intention in this matter both after this meeting and following the Vallejo hearing.

Senator Abshire informed us that he had originally presented a bill for a 4 year state college in Sonoma County and that afterwards a bill had been presented by Senator Gibson for a 4 year college in Napa and Solano Counties. The statement by members of the State Department of Education before the legislative committee indicated that there was some question about the student potentialities for those two counties but the legislation nevertheless towards the close of the session consolidated the two bills into one which is now known as AB 4.

This has brought about the impasse which now exists.

During the luncheon which was attended by members of the hearing board, including Senator Gibson of Vallejo, Senator Abshire and others from Sonoma County, Senator Gibson made the statement that he did not object to Sonoma County having the first college but that he felt that Napa and Solano Counties should have a college also. He indicated that it was his intention to pursue this matter to the ultimate realization of a 4 year college for his two counties.

It is further affirmed in the report prepared by the Division of State Colleges and Teacher Education which states that one 4 year college can not adequately serve the four counties named in the bill and the situation is certainly not satisfactory to the people of the four counties involved.

Senator Gibson's statement that Sonoma County should have a 4 year college and have it first if the Napa-Solano area will be given consideration for a 4 year college of its own is certainly well taken for the geographical differences in the four county area and the road pattern certainly justifies the statement that Sonoma County should have the 4 year college. Logically the counties of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake form a more homogenized area than the combination of any others of the counties named with

Sonoma. The closest 4 year colleges to the three county area are Arcata, the site of the Humboldt State College, Chico, site of Chico State College, Sacramento, Sacramento State College, and San Francisco, the site of San Francisco State College. The void in the area indicates that a 4 year college should be located in Sonoma County to serve Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties.

The joining together of the two bills which were named in the AB 4 has compounded the problems in what appears to be an unrealistic solution to place a 4 year college to serve the student potentialities not only the counties named in the bill but Mendocino and Lake Counties. The area of location suggested in the Department of Education report to serve the four counties does not provide a feasible solution and leaves too much to be desired when one considers the other factors that are included in the report.

An effort must be made to resolve this problem that by arriving at an understanding that the location of the 4 year college should be in Sonoma County so as to serve the student potentialities of Mendocino and Lake Counties. This will accordingly be in harmony with Senator Abshire's original bill and it will assist in the location of a 4 year college in the Napa-Solano counties and in the Marin County area in due time.

We are informed that the selection of a site in Sonoma County to serve that county and the neighboring counties of Mendocino and Lake will not be contrary to the intention of AB 4 and that it would expedite the work of the Public Works Board if the original intent of the Abshire bill is kept in mind.

Mr. Bianchini

Asti

Bob Meyer *BM*

October 14, 1958

State College -- Confidential

I am going to list the following facts as concisely as possible. They represent the thinking of Tony Galli and Dave Davini primarily.

A hearing was held last week in Santa Rosa and the principal people present were T. H. Mugford, Director of Finance, Senator Gibson of Solano County and Senator Abshire of Sonoma County.

To date, the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Tony Galli has been successful in getting the verbal support at least of chambers of commerce in Mendocino and Lake Counties. They also have newspaper support from each of those areas.

Senator Abshire is taking no stand other than the fact that he wants the state college in Sonoma County. The local papers in Sonoma County of course support their own chambers of commerce, but the Press Democrat is more or less neutral.

Senator Gibson was quite outspoken at the hearing and he took the position that he thought the college should be in the Solano area and not in southern Sonoma County.

Mr. Mugford apparently has a great deal of respect for the senator from Solano County and indicated that he would seriously consider the senator's request to keep the college in the latter's area.

Senator Gibson would like the time of the decision to be put off until the first of the year. Senator Abshire is pushing for a decision as soon as possible and before new elective officers take office.

The whole thing boils down to this. The State Board of Education as well as the Director of Finance will probably not make the final decision as to the location. The decision will be a result of the effects of different pressure groups that are already at work. Senator Gibson obviously does have influence and it would appear at this point that in order to help win his point, he may condescend to support a northern Sonoma County site for a second college.

This is where the horse trading comes in. Both Dave Davini and Tony Galli believe that this is the time the pressure should be brought to bear on other senators and other influential people throughout the state to support our thinking for the site at Asti.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"BAMERICAL"

February 16, 1959

Mr. L. M. Bianchini
615 - 4th Street
San Francisco, 7, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bianchini:

After our discussion the other day I reviewed the memorandums prepared some time ago and it appears to me that they confirm what has been taking place in regard to the location of a college site in the north bay counties. I enclose two copies of each memorandum.

At the time of the hearings in Santa Rosa we were not aware that Mr. Gibson had obtained the passage of senate resolution No. 33 which covered the matter of two institutions of the four year college level in the north bay area and the feasibility of consolidating Maritime Academy with a four year college. We had not been informed by our State Senator at that time about the resolution and the additional studies to be made thereunder.

After reviewing the study we can see its import was to facilitate the Vallejo Senators object in obtaining a four year college in Napa-Solano Counties which is the conclusion which we had drawn in our memorandum.

Senator Coombs of Napa has introduced a bill for that purpose and this now leaves the location of a site in Sonoma and Marin County subject to pressure and to aggressive action. It also lends more weight to the Asti site because of the consideration that must be given to Lake and Mendocino Counties. This is recognized for we have contacted our friends both in Mendocino and Lake counties. The Senator and Assemblyman from those areas can be of much assistance.

Mr. Gibson's activity rebounds to our benefit for with encouragement and help it is our impression that he will be interested in assisting in locating the college under AB 4 in the Asti area of Sonoma County since the help of some of the other Senators and Assemblymen will be useful to him.

Dave spent two or three days in Sacramento visiting with certain Senators and Assemblymen and he is convinced that there is sentiment to assist Senator Gibson and that the selection of a site in Sonoma County will not be concluded until the Napa-Solano County site is also assured. Evidently Mr. Gibson's strategy is still the same - that no site will be selected for AB 4 until such time as the fate of the bill establishing a college in Napa-Solano is determined.

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Mr. L. M. Bianchini

February 16, 1959

We have a letter to the State Department of Education requesting information in regard to commuting distances at various California State Colleges but we have not as yet received it. There is no standard in the optimum distances sited in the SCR 33 study dated November 1958. No four year college enjoys any of the optimum conditions in regard to commuting distances.

If there are other factors which you believe should be clarified in the study or which Mr. Feyser may consider worth attention, please let me know.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Galli
A. E. Galli
Manager

AEG:ac

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert Meyer, 1/2 Italian Swiss Colony, Asti, Calif.
Mr. David Davini, 510 Hillside Dr, Cloverdale, Calif.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"BAMERICAL"

March 13, 1959

Mr. L. M. Bianchini
615 - 4th Street
San Francisco 7, Calif.

Dear Bob:

Since receiving your letter of March 2nd, Dave has been in contact with a former legislator who has made some pertinent suggestions. Dave will phone you in a few days to discuss these matters with you. It is not possible for me to convey them to you because of the circumstances which Dave will explain.

Dave's friend advised that since Senator Gibson had succeeded in obtaining consideration for a four year college in Napa-Solano Counties the situation in regard to AB-4 is now such that the emphasis or direction of AB-4 should be for an alignment of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties for the college site under this bill. He indicated to Dave that this will receive very favorable consideration and suggested that Mr. Peyser be so informed.

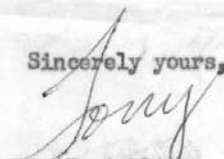
There does not seem to be too much concern about Marin County since the preponderance of student potential is in Sonoma County.

It is necessary that Mr. Bellotti, Mr. Slattery of Mendocino-Lake County and possibly Mr. Rattigan be drawn together to work towards this end. It seems quite certain that Gibson can get a four year college for Napa and Solano Counties because the growth in student population in this state will be more than nearly trebled in the next ten years and that the selection will be made as a result of the activities of the legislators. He maintains that political influences will determine the location of the site of AB-4 as well as the passage of the bill establishing a four year college for Napa and Solano Counties.

There is no number 1 site in so far as sites are concerned under AB-4 and the only selection that will be made will be that achieved as a result of efforts among the Legislators at Sacramento.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



A. E. Galli
Manager

AEG:ac

cc: Dave Davini



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MAIN OFFICE
615 FOURTH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 7

May 16, 1959

Mr. Dave Davini
540 Hillside Rd.
Cloverdale, Calif.

Dear Dave:

The Fourth Annual Asti Farmers Day will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at the Italian Swiss Colony Plant, Asti. The morning program will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will be followed by a luncheon at the Villa barbecue grounds around noon.

This is an event that has become quite popular and is our way of expressing the company's appreciation for the fine relationship we have with our growers.

You have always been interested in the wine industry and in grape growing, so we would like to include you among our special guests.

In order to better plan our seating capacity, would you kindly drop us a note indicating whether you will, or will not be present.

Yours very truly,

ITALIAN SWISS COLONY


Robert H. Meyer

RHM:ams



ITALIAN SWISS COLONY

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November 23, 1959

Mr. David A. Davini
Cloverdale, California

Dear Dave:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 16th, which was forwarded to me at my Newark, New Jersey, Plant. That is the reason for the delay in answering.

Dave, we have established a policy, quite a few years back, that we should not sell any land, which is part of the Asti property and, of course, it has been discussed many times that a motel should be placed at Asti and up to this time, it has only been in a talking stage. It now happens the Petri family, has sold its interest to Allied Grape Growers, but I still feel that they will not change their policy for some time to come. Should any change of policy come along, please rest assured that I will contact you on this matter.

I sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your family in the best of health. With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

L. N. Bianchini

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