

# Here's to good neighbors in Gird Valley...



Fallbrook Golf Course's back nine after the water was turned off on July 26. Photo: Ken Seals, Sept 1, 2016.

As we watch the greens on the Fallbrook Golf Course fade away to dust this summer, negotiations continue for the purchase of the property. As reported by Tom Farrell of the *Village News* [in several articles](#), there are interested buyers.

We remain hopeful a sale will conclude soon and a buyer who loves Gird Valley as much as we do will become our new neighbor, a good neighbor.

Over the last few months, we've come to recognize the importance of protecting historical Gird Valley from development. We want to ensure that we won't be revisiting these issues repeatedly in the future. Yes, we have zoning restrictions and the protections offered by the [San Diego County General Plan](#).

But as San Diego and Riverside County populations swell and impact our little valley, do we need *more* to adequately protect what we love about living here?

Overwhelmingly, the answer is yes.



Gird Valley painting, courtesy of Mijoa Rho.

One important tool available to this end is the placement of [conservation easements](#) on the property. In return for tax benefits over 15 years, the owner foregoes his future development rights in perpetuity. This is a generous gift to the community.

Conservation easements are held in trust by conservation organizations (501c3 charities) or government agencies such as San Diego County's [PACE program](#). There are annual management costs and this is where the community can be actively involved.

In Gird Valley, there are currently 47.74 acres preserved by Fallbrook Land Conservancy. They need help with the cash outflow related to managing this land. If a conservation easement is placed on the adjacent fallowed golf course property, that would add another 116 acres of preserved land in Gird Valley.

Protecting this land from development, and other tax-exempt work, requires the full support of Gird Valley residents and the Fallbrook community.

Working together, we can engage in beautification projects, wildlife and water enhancement programs and protect the collection of stunning live oaks and sycamores growing here. Should golf be in our future again, communal support of junior golf programs is another potential project.

For these reasons and more, we propose establishing a 501c3 nonprofit with the mission of protecting, preserving and enhancing beautiful Gird Valley. If you are interested and willing, this organization will need a volunteer accountant and lawyer, fundraisers, donors, and others with skills to contribute to this endeavor. Is that you?

We look forward to working with you for the betterment of life in Gird Valley, working with all the residents ringing the property, those living in the valley and up the hillsides, and with those who pass through the Valley and are moved by its inherent beauty.

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Hopefully, very soon, we'll be supporting and ensuring the success of the next owner of this unique property, welcoming another good neighbor into the heart of Gird Valley!

Sincerely,  
The Steering Committee  
[SaveFallbrookGolfCourse.com](http://SaveFallbrookGolfCourse.com)

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