

telephone poles along the way, to restore it on the plot next to his parents' home.

Schmitz got his introduction to farming from his father in Minnesota, but worked at local farms after high school. At Navarro farms he met his wife,

For nearly two decades Schmitz said he's farmed the land, knowing it could be sold anytime. Ever since he started farming it he said there have been threats that it would be sold to developers. Residents of Mountain View are fortunate to have had the farm around this

The members of the farm, Betty Moore and Pauline King, say Mountain View's last farm must be sold to housing developers for financial reasons. The 15.6 acres have been valued at \$30 million. In a letter to the city council in May they said they are facing an "economic reality

not for us to continue to hold as an unproductive, money-losing asset."

Schmitz did not say the farm was losing money, but he did say it barely scrapes by every year, mostly because of a \$20,000-a-year water bill and high rent. The Pumpkin Patch and Christmas

engine and tanks on this site used for carting apricots when orchards reigned in the valley. Schmitz said he found the rails as orchards left the area one by one.

"It was a piece of cake," he said.

He says the equipment on the farm, tractors included, is like his toys.

Schmitz and his wife work the farm while also working full time jobs. Schmitz works 56 hours, three days a week as a firefighter.

"Its not a struggle, we just do it," Schmitz said.

The work is something they enjoy, said Theresa Navarro, or they wouldn't have been able to do it as long as they have.

The farm employs four members of the Mendoza family, who have been with the farm since the beginning. Now the family's second generation is working the land.

"We must be doing something right," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said it would be hard to imagine anyone else farming the property. He said he's kept going all these years partly because, "once you stop, you can't start again."

The future

Schmitz and his tractor crawl over the bare dirt, planting

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Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

Former NAS Moffett Field

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The next regular meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field will be held:

On: Thursday, July 13, 2006, 7 to 8:50 p.m.

At: ** MEETING LOCATION CHANGED ******

**Moffett Field, Building 943, Eagle Room
Mountain View, CA**

(Building 943 is located just before the main gate on NASA Parkway.)

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities under way at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement.

To review documents on Moffett Field cleanup projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, 650-903-6887. For more information, contact Mr. Rick Weissenborn, Navy BRAC Environmental Coordinator, at 619-532-0952 or richard.weissenborn@navy.mil.

August 11, 2006

William Schaal
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RE: Community Relations Support for Former NAS Moffett Field
Transmittal: Paid advertisements announcing the 13 July 2006 RAB Meeting

Dear Mr. Schaal:

This letter serves to inform you that ads announcing the 13 July 2006 RAB meeting were published in the newspapers listed below. Enclosed are tear sheets for proof of publication.

- ❖ Sunnyvale *Sun* – published 12 July 2006
- ❖ San Jose *Mercury News* – published 06 July 2006
- ❖ Mountain View *Voice* – published 07 July 2006

In addition to the paid advertisements, a news release announcing the RAB meeting was faxed to 45 television and radio stations and to the 25 following newspapers:

<i>Alianza Metropolitan News</i>	<i>Los Altos Town Crier</i>	<i>The Santa Clara Weekly</i>
<i>The Campbell Reporter</i>	<i>Los Gatos Weekly Times</i>	<i>Saratoga News</i>
<i>Campbell Times</i>	<i>Milpitas Post</i>	<i>Palo Alto Daily News</i>
<i>Cupertino Courier</i>	<i>Morgan Hill Times</i>	<i>Palo Alto Weekly</i>
<i>The Daily News</i>	<i>Mountain View Voice</i>	<i>San Jose Mercury News</i>
<i>The Dispatch</i>	<i>Metro News</i>	<i>Sunnyvale Sun</i>
<i>El Observador</i>	<i>Nuevo Mundo</i>	<i>Viet Mercury</i>
<i>India Currents</i>	<i>San Jose City Times</i>	
<i>La Oferta Review</i>	<i>San Jose Peninsula Reporter</i>	

Please note I have sent the originals and one set of copies to Diane Silva for the Administrative Record file and one set of copies to Rick Weissenborn. Photocopies are included in this package. If you have any questions about this transmittal, please do not hesitate to call me at 858-452-0031 x363.

Sincerely,



Emily Powell
Community Relations, former NAS Moffett Field
Katz & Associates, Inc.

Attachments: 1 set of copies

cc: R. Weissenborn, BRAC PMO West
D. Silva, Records Manager (originals + 1 copy)