

December 27, 1991

TO: CASI Board of Directors

From: Bob Whitefield

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Subject: Rancho CASI Site Improvements

CC: John Caffey  
Vann York

Enclosed are partial copies of the original drawings made of our site back in December of 1989 when I laid out the site plan. Please note the comments made on each drawing concerning the berm. I want you to note that under no circumstance can we remove the entire berm. Here's why.

In its natural state, the area we camp in is relatively flat. It has a natural slope that begins in the area where Glyn Gaines camps and increases gradually in percent of slope in the direction of the berm and continues on toward Highway 170. Somewhere around the 1920's the owners of the Mariposa Mines cleared all the vegetation from the cooks and spectators camping areas. The site was used as a staging area for loading wagons to haul quicksilver to Alpine. Whomever cleared the land was smart enough to recognize the natural slope and the direction of runoff flow from heavy rain fall. The berm was created to catch this runoff coming from behind our stage and judging area, where Glyn camps, etc., and to divert it to the creek bed on the east end of the berm. The berm serves as a dam of sorts which over the years collected water which in effect created soil moisture which stimulated the growth of the vegetation that is there today.

Several things are important about the east end of the berm. Yes, vegetation grew; trees that are pretty grew and they attract wildlife. My ideas for a future location for permanent restroom facilities, showers, etc., were to be in these trees. This location would allow for some privacy and would be attractive. Another reason for leaving the trees, and this is the most critical reason, is that the berm also created an immense erosion problem. I don't know how many of you have walked to the east end of the berm and have seen the huge hole that is there as a result of the runoff being directed in that direction. If we removed the berm in this area we would run a very high probability of having a massive land slide of present camp sites in to the creek bed.

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If you look at drawings 1, 2, and 3 you can see the area labeled

"HOLE" which is circled in red. Drawing 3 has this area called "TREED SITE FOR PORTA POTTIES" and its dimensions of 88' X 88' underlined. This entire area should be left alone. Drawing 4 shows the length of the water berm from Stage Road to the edge of the dropoff to the creek bed is 304'. Drawing 3 shows the distance from Stage Road to the beginning of the "TREED SITE..." is 175'. Therefore, when we move the berm out to its new location we can take only that first 175' and no more. We cannot take out any of the "TREED" area or we'll be asking for big trouble.

Vann York called me last week asking for help in preserving the "TREED" area. Vann knows the reason this area should be protected. He knows why the drawings we did two years ago included protecting this area forever. He was told by a director or two that the entire berm was going to be removed. We cannot remove the entire berm, only the first 175 feet.

Vann's other concern is who he is to take direction from. He does not want to get in a cross fire. If anyone, it should be John Caffey who gets his direction from Robert Bell who gets his direction on matters like this, from the Board. This is the way the Board set up the Old 320 system. We must use the system to make it work.

The second issue of Vanns' is that he is not clear where the new berm is to be located, and how far across CASI Avenue is to be cleared for the new spectators area. Drawing 1 has a red dot that shows the approximate location of a yucca that is standing along side Stage Road. It stands out very prominently and is the only one along the road. Vann can't miss it. This is the line where we all agreed we should move the berm to.

Drawing 1 also shows how much should be cleared across CASI Avenue.

Please review these drawings. I am asking for all of us to agree that:

- a. We remove only the first 175' of the berm.
- b. We leave the "TREED" area alone.
- c. The new berm should be created from the area opposite the yucca along Stage Road extending easterly to the edge of the cliff that drops to the creek bed.
- d. The new spectator area be cleared, leaving appropriate attractive vegetation, in an area 350' from the intersection of Stage Road and CASI Avenue southward along the hill where our CASI sign is, eastward from there to CASI Avenue, as shown on Drawing 1.

We can talk about this at our February meeting. There is no rush

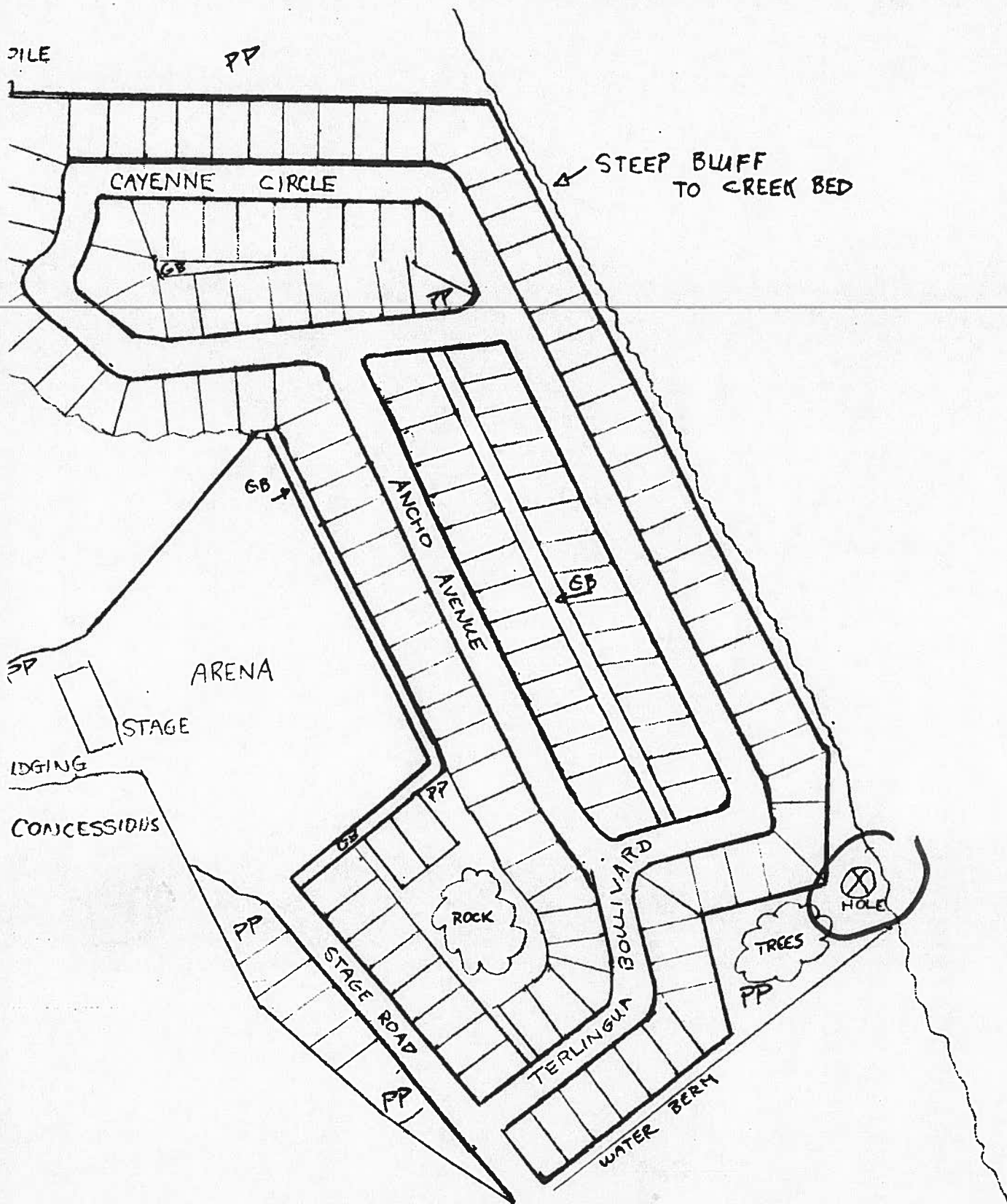
however, Robert should call John to tell Vann to hold off until he gets further direction and official go ahead from the board. OK?

On another issue, Doug Selig is figuring a simple way to level the dance floor area of the arena so it won't interfere with the Old 320 sites.

~~I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Dixie and I picked up a point each Saturday. Eleven more to go!~~

Bob Whitefield  
CASI Director/Treasurer  
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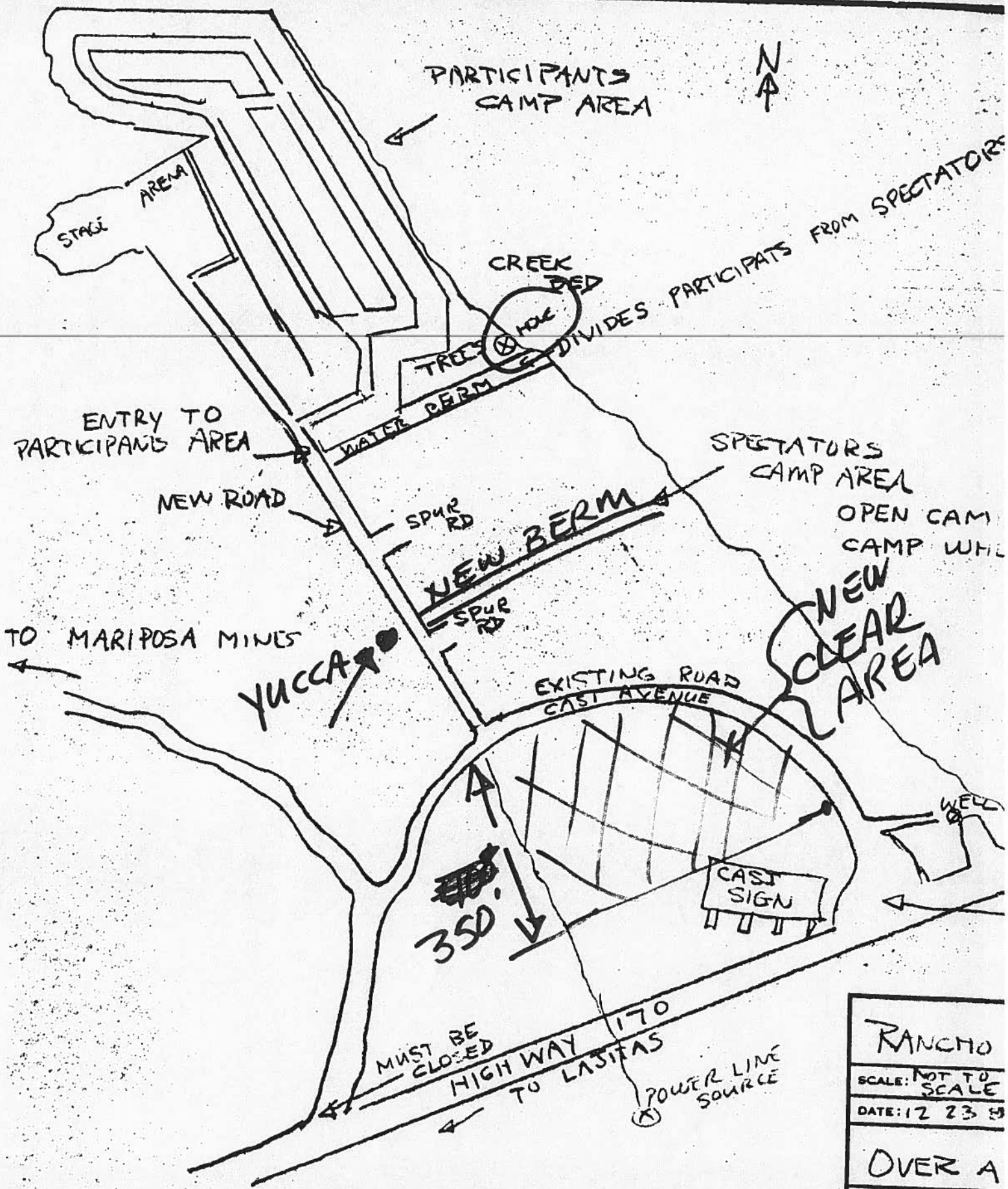
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MAIN ENTRY TO CAMP AREA FOR QUALIFIED COOKS, SHOW ETC. SPECTATORS MAY WALK IN THROUGH THIS ENTRY, "THROUGH THESE PORTALS PASS THE WORLDS GREATEST CHILIHEAD"



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