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## Local and National Experts Discuss Sacramento Cohousing Opportunities

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Fair Oaks EcoHousing future residents design the site's layout.  
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**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The second annual Sacramento Cohousing Forum will be held Saturday, October 10th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 2425 Sierra Blvd in Sacramento.

The event will provide an opportunity to learn more about cohousing and whether it is right for you. Local and national experts, planners, and residents will talk about concept and design, as well as what it is like to live day-to-day in the “new, old-fashioned neighborhoods” of cohousing. These modern-day villages are comprised of about 30 individual private homes surrounding a common house where residents can gather for meals and other activities. Cohousing is unique in that the residents design, own, and govern the community.

The featured speaker at the event will be architect Kathryn McCamant, one of the nation's experts on cohousing. McCamant has designed and developed dozens of communities throughout the US and Canada. She and her husband Charles Durrett introduced cohousing to North America in the 1980s. They are the authors of the book *Creating Cohousing: Building Sustainable Communities*.



Wolf Creek Lodge in Grass Valley, a senior cohousing community.

Following McCamant’s remarks, several local experts will discuss “Opportunities for Cohousing in Sacramento.” Presenters will include:

- Architect Erin Reschke of the firm Mogavero Notestine Architects, which is planning a cohousing community in Oak Park.
- Marty Maskall, project manager and future resident of Fair Oaks EcoHousing. Fair Oaks EcoHousing is slated to start construction in the spring of 2016.
- Bob Miller, resident of Wolf Creek Lodge in Grass Valley, a senior cohousing community.
- Anne Geraghty, former city planner and proponent of Renaissance Village Homes, a senior cohousing community envisioned for downtown Sacramento.

“What It’s Really Like” will be the subject of a panel of current residents from local cohousing communities who will take questions from the audience. The communities represented on this panel will include:

- Southside Park Cohousing (5th & T Streets, Sacramento)
- Wolf Creek Lodge (a senior cohousing community in Grass Valley)
- Nevada City Cohousing (Nevada City)
- Muir Commons (in Davis, the first in the nation)
- N Street Cohousing (Davis)

After the forum adjourns at 5 p.m., the discussion will continue with refreshments and an informal Q and A. The event will be hosted by Fair Oaks EcoHousing, Renaissance Village Homes, Oak Park Cohousing, and Wolf Creek Lodge. The cost is \$10 at the door. Reservations are recommended, as the event sold out last year. RSVP to Mary Claus at [mary.claus64@gmail.com](mailto:mary.claus64@gmail.com) or (916) 834-7607.

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