

# **Covered Arena Presentation**

By the PML Equine Advisory Committee As presented by Lynne Orloff



### • Discussion

- Why consider a covered arena?
  - Rider, horse
    - Extends opportunities to ride
      - Weather, too hot, too cold, too damp
      - Lessons get cancelled
      - Some horses are not trail ride-savvy or riders don't feel safe on the trail
    - Safety and Liability
      - Wet, snowy surfaces can lead to direct or indirect accidents
      - New riders and young horses are more confident in covered arenas. Less likelihood of distractions.



- Non-Equine Activities:
  - Greater range of activities, with less cancellations or poor turnouts due to weather\*
    - Concerts
    - Clinics
    - Weddings or celebrations
    - Cowboy events such as roping, reining, gymkhanas
    - Flea markets
    - Holiday events
    - Hayrides

\* Most of the above are a revenue stream for the association as the arena would be rented.



Additional Activities continued.

- First Responder Training for equine rescue
- Loading Training for emergencies
- Dressage events,.. arena size meets the requirements for an official dressage pattern of 66'X197'.

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- Investigations:
  - Committee members visited four arenas to solidify what would work best for our needs at Pine Mountain Lake
    - Ed Hughes Memorial Arena in Ione, CA.
      - 200'X250' within moveable panels, 165'X250' under roof.
      - 800 amps in addition to solar, no dark areas
    - Bridlewood, Copperopolis, CA
      - 185'X240' enclosed, metal halide lights, speaker system can be directed to a targeted area or overall
    - Sargent's Equestrian Center, Lodi, ÇA
      - 130'X240', plus a 250'X400' outside area, sound system, sun/wind panels on sides
    - Pioneer Equine Hospital, Oakdale, CA
      - Built in two sections, @275'x165', metal halide lights, capped ends



## Low pitch roof

No amenities





Enclosed sides





End cap





Big Ass Fans Metal Halide Lights





Skylights

Open Structure







Bleachers











- Specifications:
  - 120'X200' which is the footprint of the outdoor arena
  - Completely open structure with steel supports, sloped roof (snow loads)
  - Amenities eventually:
    - Big Ass Fans
    - Adequate Lighting
    - Mounted Speakers
    - Solar panels
    - Additional portable railings as needed for an event.



- Getting Estimates:
  - Only one received to date from:

Metal Mike Steel Building Contractor

which included labor, materials, concrete engineering, bolt inspections, fuel and travel from Valley Springs, CA. Estimate was at \$20/sq. ft.

- Cost Reductions?
  - Partial labor by our own labor department
  - Solar from our current contractor at a reduced rate?
  - Build structure in two stages...half the length each cycle.
  - Amenities (fans, sprinklers, lights, speakers) get added over the next three years