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# Bollinger Valley Development at a Standstill

By Sophie Braccini

The proposed development of 126 luxury single-family homes in the Bollinger Valley area has generated a large number of comments from residents of Moraga and Lafayette. And some potentially outdated studies are the focus of new attention.

Seven hundred written comments were received by the town's

planning department when the Draft Environmental Impact Report was released at the beginning of the year. On Sept. 25 the Town Council approved consultant contracts, for an amount not to exceed \$185,000, in order for the town to respond to the comments, some of which indicated that additional studies may be required. Shawna

Brekke-Read, Moraga's planning director, said that the property owner, the Bruzzone family, would have to pay for any extra studies that are deemed necessary to move the project forward but had not yet signed an agreement to do so.

"These (studies) include biological surveys, visual analysis, geologic/geotechnical studies, and

traffic analyses," wrote Brekke-Read in her staff report. "The Town had initially recommended some of these studies to the applicant, including, for example visual simu-

lations. In other cases, the applicant had provided its own studies, including, for example, biological surveys."

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## As Seen in Moraga



Just in time for the Pear and Wine Festival, the Moraga Garden Club replaced the sign that designates the town's central park, as it was starting to decay. The Moraga Garden Club creates and maintains the flower display that surrounds the sign, as well as other public gardens in town.

From left: Garden club members Jennifer Gilmore, Elaine Frazel (club president) and Penny Walwark.

Photo Sophie Braccini

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