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## Breaking Ground for the Woodbury



View of future Woodbury site with Veterans Hall on right. Photo Cathy Tyson

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The Woodbury, a luxury condominium project that will be built behind the Veterans Hall near the intersection of Risa Road and Mount Diablo Boulevard, has after many years received an approval of final project details. Commissioner Ken Hertel joked at the end of a recent Design Review Commission meeting, "2005 to 2013 - faster than the Bay Bridge." Slowdowns included trouble with financing and a shake up at Branagh Development. The project started out with 80 proposed units, and was eventually scaled back to 56 more spacious, single-level homes clustered in seven buildings. Some relatively minor design adjustments and discussion of landscaping for the EBMUD right-of-way were the focus of talks at the April meeting.

One commissioner asked if it's a linear corridor or park space for Woodbury residents, referring to the EBMUD-owned strip of land sandwiched between the Veterans Hall and the project. There's a major water pipeline that runs beneath the soil, so the developer's landscape team needed to be mindful of roots while preserving a natural look. Plans call for 78 trees on this small segment of a long right-of-way effectively screening the condominium project for greater privacy while keeping the appearance of the strip natural.

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