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'Painted Rock' Dream Suspended



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Roger Poynts died Oct. 26 in a car accident on Saint Mary's Road in Lafayette. The 64-year-old Moraga resident was the founder and principal of Poynts & Associates, a civil engineering and land surveying company with offices in Moraga. Poynts owned "The Rock" property in Moraga, roughly 80 acres overlooking the intersection of Moraga Road and Rheem Boulevard. He had a vision for the development of the property that included the construction of homes, a winery, and a performing arts center. He spent many hours discussing the project with local groups to gather input and worked with Moraga's planning staff - the project was scheduled to be presented to the Town Council in January for a first take on how to develop the large but complex parcel. "This project was his legacy," said Moraga Town Manager Jill Keimach, "it's very sad that he wasn't able to complete it in his lifetime."

Poynts was a registered civil engineer since 1982. He had a bachelor's degree in civil

engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Saint Mary's College. The coroner's office did not indicate the cause of death, which is still under investigation.

"Roger was a really good and kind man who was becoming an important part of the community, and there is a lot of sadness around town," said Keimach. - S. Braccini

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