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It's déjà vu - there's an OSH back in town

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Temporary OSH banner signals "open for business" Photo Vera Kochan

No, you're not seeing things. The new OSH is open for business at 1550 Canyon Road, Moraga.

Replacing Orchard Supply Hardware, which parent company Lowe's closed last November, the new Outdoor Supply Hardware (aka OSH) quietly opened its doors for a soft opening on Sunday, Nov 3.

Parent company Central Network Retail Group, based in Tennessee, owns a string of 104 hardware and lumber stores throughout the United States. The new OSH is its first foray into the California market. The Moraga location joins Napa as their breakout stores with three more on schedule to open in Northern California this spring.

Assistant Operations Manager Nazila Behain was enthusiastic about the new store. "Everything is the same," she said. "We wanted our customers to feel comfortable about finding things in the same spot where they used to be. If there's something you can't find let us know. We'll do our best to get it for you."

Rental Manager Brian Otterholt, who used to work at the old Orchard Supply Hardware location in Pleasant Hill, is excited about the new rental section. "We rent lawn mowers, carpet cleaners, rototillers and more."

Behain and Otterholt pointed out that much of the signage inside now belonged to the prior store. While Lowe's had plans to sell everything including fixtures and shelves, within two to three months of closing its doors CNRG was in talks to purchase the location, thereby putting an immediate halt to selling everything including the proverbial kitchen sink.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Behain stressed the number one goal of Outdoor Supply Hardware is customer service. As if to prove her point, as this reporter walked through the aisles an OSH associate asked if he could be of any help.

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