

Rio del Mar intersection gets the green light with Deer Park surety bond

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Community Research Institute, Inc., has met its agreement with the County of Santa Cruz.

As a result, the community of Rio del Mar will get the intersection they most wanted--at no extra cost to the taxpayers.

In an exclusive interview with The Voice this weekend, president of Community Research Bob Marani said his organization would be putting up a surety bond of \$64,000 with the county for his part in the design of Rio del Mar Blvd. and Clubhouse Drive.

As reported in the April 9 issue of The Voice, Marani and his associates entered into an agreement with the county to share expense in the widening of Rio del Mar Blvd., as part of an agreement to guarantee the development of Deer Park Community Center.

In addition to the \$64,000 surety bond, the

county is also receiving from Marani and associates:

--\$3,000 to complete the design of the intersection.

--\$48,000 in land dedication to the county for rights of way.

The county will pay for the condemnation of the Kendall and Potter parcel, estimated to be \$32,000.

In addition to the above costs Community Research Institute has spent \$111,275 not including Marani's services, to meet county requirements for a use permit.

Also, Marani said, in accordance with the agreement a minor land division has been approved by staff and is awaiting signature.

A hearing is scheduled May 7 on rezoning of the property.

Findings of the Planning Commission staff report, to be reviewed at the rezoning hearing "find the C-1-PD district (Deer Park) consistent with the General Plan designation of

business and industrial use on the eastern portion of the property. The A-10 district, consistent with the agriculture and open space designation on the General Plan for the western portion of the property."

The use permit and planned development permit have also been approved for a neighborhood commercial center of the property and is in conformance with the regulations and intent of the district.

In meeting the agreement with the county, Marani has deeded an \$11,500 lot to the county in addition to 33,786 square feet of splinters or parcels of property to provide for the widening.

In fulfilling the agreement, Community Research is in conformance with the approved use permit validating the original permits.

Marani said he hopes to break ground for the center in the near future pending approval of the rezoning.

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