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Scotts Valley blasts board for killing project

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City and business leaders in Scotts Valley have denounced the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors' decision to effectively kill the long-planned Glenwood Development project.

The BRUSA Corp. lost its final bid for a permit to build an 18-hole golf course and 276 luxury homes on 282 acres of former ranch land in and around northern Scotts Valley earlier this week when supervisors rejected the developer's appeal.

The company had asked the board to overturn a county planning commission decision denying BRUSA's

request to develop 25 acres of the project that fall within county jurisdiction.

"This is an orchestrated run-around," said Joe Miller, Scotts Valley city councilman. "I certainly hope the BRUSA Corp. never has to deal with the county again."

The city of Scotts Valley last fall gave BRUSA final approval to build housing and 13 holes of the proposed golf course on the 275 acres of the project that fall within city jurisdiction. But county approval was also needed because the western edge of the site, where BRUSA planned to build five holes of the course, are outside city limits.

"We were looking at having a tre-

The county planning commission rejected BRUSA's permit application in March, saying the project would block access to timber harvesting on an adjacent parcel and endanger several rare species of wildflowers.

County attorneys also said the developer's lease agreement with the Salvation Army, which owns the 25-acre site, would violate the state subdivision land act.

The supervisors have asked the planning commission to rule when the BRUSA Corp. can submit new plans for the site. The company may be required to wait a year before reapplying.

Representatives from BRUSA could not be reached for comment.

mendous amenity for the city," Miller said. "It's pretty clear to me that the supervisors don't want this development in Scotts Valley."

A spokeswoman for the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce said the business community also was "extremely disappointed" by the supervisors' decision.

"We would have expected better support from our representative on the board," said Memory Woodard, the chamber's executive director.

Miller said he has encouraged the company to fit the project within the city limits.

"I hope BRUSA can come back and do a project everybody in the county can live with and like," Miller said.