

Deer Park project dragging

Developers of the Deer Park shopping center, after predicting in September they would begin construction on Nov. 1, are now unsure when work will start. A spokesman said last week they don't even know yet when the plans will be finished.

Bryan Dawson, of the Carl N. Swenson Co. in San Jose, said today, "We hope we're going to do it," when asked what the status

of the project was. He said there were no major problems and that the delay was caused "by things which typically happen on a project this size." He would not be more specific as to what "things" had held it up, but said the project was progressing.

"We're into the working drawings now," he said. He was unable to say whether it would take weeks or months to complete the

drawings. "I wish I could answer that," he said.

After the drawings are done, they have to undergo environmental impact review and approval by the county building department.

Dawson said the developers are into "heavy negotiations" with a bank, and have signed up Flemming Foods of Fremont to operate a market in the project.