

# Orchard Supply planning to build a big store here

Preliminary plans have been submitted to the city for the construction of an Orchard Supply Hardware store at the corner of Green Valley Road and Main Street.

Now city planners, before they present the project to the Planning Commission, are waiting for final plans to be drawn up by the developers.

A San Jose builder has proposed a store in two buildings, plus a much smaller building for offices, on the Harkins Slough side of Green Valley Road across from Watsonville Square. The buildings together would enclose 64,000 square feet of floor space.

City Planning Director Bud Carney said this morning the project, which would be big enough to require several hundred parking spaces, is currently one of his department's top priorities.

"It's all in the preliminary stages so far," he said, however.

Designers and planners working for San Jose builder Barry Swenson have met several times with city planners to discuss the city's requirements for such a project, Carney said.

"They're still looking at the city's requirements, to get a feel for what the city's standards are before they spend a lot of money on planning," Carney said.

The Swenson employee handling the project was not available this morning.

Carney said the proposal is for a retail building, a store warehouse and 6,000 square feet of office space.

Carney wouldn't guess when the plan would reach the Planning Commission, but he did say it could be soon.

"It depends on when they get their site plan done so (the planning staff) can review it," he said. "It's at the top of our list for review, so it could be soon."