

Deer Park center wins approval

The developer of the Deer Park Shopping Center in Rio del Mar cleared a bureaucratic hurdle late Monday night when Regional Coastal Commissioners approved a permit for the development.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the permit for Developer Carl Swenson. Under conditions of the permit, Swenson must pay for any future costs relating to increased traffic at the site.

Also, he will be required to plant trees large enough to screen the shopping center from the freeway and to install a filter system to keep urban run-off from polluting Valencia Creek.

Construction on the shopping center was delayed in January when new Coastal Commission regulations took effect. Before Jan. 1, the shopping center site had not been included in areas covered under coastal commission regulations.