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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CITY REPORTS PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
FOR THE MORAGA CANYON FIELDS PROJECT**

The City of Piedmont has announced that some 180 letters and emails have been received regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Moraga Canyon Sports Fields Project representing some 850 comments. These comments, including public testimony heard by the City Council at public hearings held on July 19 and August 2, 2010, were received during the official public comment period from June 24 to August 9, 2010.

Due to the quantity and complexity of the comments received, LSA (the city's environmental studies consultant) has informed the City of Piedmont that an augmentation to their contract will be required. Any augmentation provided to LSA to complete the Response to Comments document will be entirely funded by the project proponents, the Piedmont Recreational Facilities Organization (PRFO).

The original schedule called for the City Council to hold public hearings (to consider the Response to Comments prepared by LSA) in early November. Due to the number of comments received and the level of effort required to prepare adequate and thorough responses, these hearings have been re-scheduled to:

Monday, November 15, 2010 and Monday, December 6, 2010.

These hearings will be held at 7:30pm in the City Council Chambers at 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA and will be the subject of full public notice.

The Draft Response to Comments document will be published the first week of November.

For further information, please contact Recreation Director/Project Manager Mark Delventhal at (510) 420-3073 or Interim City Clerk John Tulloch at (510) 420-3041.

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