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CITY TO DEDICATE
NEW PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE

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[**Goleta**, CA 9:00 a.m.] Next week the City of Goleta will officially celebrate the installation of new playground improvements at Bella Vista Open Space near the corner of Placer Drive and Mirano Drive. The City's Community Services Department has installed two new play structures for varying age groups, a rubberized safety surface underneath, an ADA accessible pathway leading from the nearby street to and around the playground, and benches and trash receptacles. On Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., City officials will meet at the site to officially dedicate the playground project.

The City removed the previous deteriorating wooden play structure due to safety concerns. This has resulted in the play area being temporarily without equipment. The new replacement play equipment was very much needed as this is the only City-owned playground in this neighborhood. Funds from Proposition 40 (passed in 2002 and also known as the California Resources Bond Act) in addition to City General Funds monies were used to complete the project which had previously been identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

"This project was very much needed for this neighborhood and I am glad Prop 40 grant funding was able to be used to make this project a reality," said Goleta Mayor Eric Onnen. "Families in this neighborhood will now have a safe place for their children to play."

The Mayor, other City officials and staff look forward to dedicating the new playground equipment on March 18th. Flyers will be sent to the surrounding neighborhood in advance of the event to invite local residents to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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