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**Planning Commission Study Session Series Scheduled on
Proposed Newport Banning Ranch Project**

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. -- The Newport Beach Planning Commission will hold a series of study sessions to present details on the proposed Newport Banning Ranch project.

The purpose of the sessions is to provide the Planning Commission and the public opportunities to review and discuss details of the proposed project prior to public hearings. Public hearings before the Planning Commission and the City Council are tentatively scheduled for March and April, 2012.

Newport Banning Ranch is a proposed 402-acre planned community consisting of up to 1,375 residential dwelling units, a 75-room resort inn and ancillary resort uses, 75,000 square feet of commercial uses, approximately 51.4 acres of parklands, and approximately 252.3 acres of permanent open space. The 401.1-acre site is located north of West Coast Highway, south of 19th Street, and east of the Santa Ana River.

Each study session will be held in the Newport Beach City Council Chambers (Building A), 3300 Newport Boulevard, Newport Beach, 92663. The schedule of discussion topics, dates and times is as follows:

January 19	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Subdivision Design and Circulation
February 9	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Open Space, Parks, and Trails
February 23	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Land Use, Development Regulations, and Architectural Guidelines
February 23	7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Draft Environmental Impact Report

The sessions are open to all interested community members. Attendees will be encouraged to limit their comments and questions to the issues that are the subject of each study session.

The application submitted by Newport Banning Ranch, LLC for the proposed project includes a General Plan Amendment, Pre-Zoning, Zone Change, Planned Community Development Plan, Master Development Plan, Tentative Tract Map, Affordable Housing Implementation Plan, Traffic Phasing Ordinance Approval, and a Pre-Annexation and Development Agreement.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the proposed project. The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR began on September 9, 2011, and concluded on November 8, 2011.

The study sessions are for discussion purposes only and no action on either the project or the Draft EIR will be taken by the Planning Commission at these sessions.

Application materials for the proposed project and the Draft EIR may be reviewed at the Planning Division of the city's Community Development Department (Building C, 2nd Floor), 3300 Newport Boulevard, Newport Beach, CA, 92663 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov.