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Endangered Snail Found at Cal Poly Student Housing Site

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly officials announced today that work is being temporarily halted on the newest student housing complex, due to the discovery of an endangered snail species.

The Morro Shoulderband snail has been found on a small section of the proposed Student Housing North complex, according to Vice President for Administration and Finance Larry Kelley.

Cal Poly officials are working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify possible mitigation measures. One such measure under consideration would be a habitat conservation plan. “This would basically be relocating the snails out of harm’s way,” Kelley explained.

Kelley added that Cal Poly is still committed to providing additional student housing on campus and recognizes the importance of this project to the campus and San Luis Obispo community.

No estimates can be made yet for when work might resume on the 2,700-bed project. “We are not sure of the scope of the problem,” he said. “We are still in the investigative mode at this point.”

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