

# **Aptos Creek bid opening delayed**

The opening of bids for the repair of the Aptos Creek bulkhead, scheduled for Thursday, has been delayed indefinitely by the state Department of Parks and Recreation.

Ed Williams of the department's construction division said Monday afternoon that "extensive conditions" imposed on the project by the Department of Fish and Game have forced the change in plans. No new date has been set for opening bids.

Williams said the Parks Department is now negotiating with Fish and Game to see if those conditions, which deal with protection of migrating steelhead and salmon up the stream this year, can be modified somewhat.

If the conditions can't be rewritten, Williams said, the Parks Department may ask bidders to revise their bids to cover the cost of meeting the Fish and Game conditions, or postpone the work until the summer months when less restrictive conditions would be imposed.

The Parks Department announced last month that it planned to spend upwards of \$70,000 to fill the gaps in a half-century-old bulkhead along the creek that collapsed in the January 1982 storms. The department agreed to do the repair work after Creek and Glenn Drive property owners appealed to state Sen. Henry Mello for assistance in getting the bulkheads repaired.

The creekbed and the bulkheads belong to the state park system, although the land behind the bulkhead is in private ownership.