

Water district's in its new office

Soquel Creek County Water District is officially settled in its new home.

The move into new headquarters at Old County Road and Soquel Drive was informally reported during a board of directors meeting Monday night.

Staff moved from quarters at 5180 Soquel Drive during the three-day weekend of Oct. 23, and opened for business the following Tuesday. The old building had to be vacated by Nov. 1 to make room for new tenants.

Among first communications received at the new building was a letter from Local agency Formation Commission executive director Ed Hannah, informing directors that annexation of the Park Wilshire-Vienna Woods area to the district was approved at a hearing Oct. 20.

Permission was given by LAFCO with provision that water services be received and an assessment district formed before annexation be recorded, said Manager Robert Johnson.

Area property owners requested annexation because water systems originally built for the subdivisions were inadequate. Directors require annexation as a requirement for water service.

Designs for the Cherryvale project will be discussed at the district's next meeting Nov. 15. Johnson reported work on the project may begin in January to provide better service to residents on the road north of Soquel Drive.

In other actions, the board:

—Heard a proposal from Twin Lakes Baptist Church for storage and transmission fee credit.

—Learned of progress on the Soquel Drive project. Phase I, installation of a 12 inch main to Aguazul, is nearly completed and plans are underway to begin Phase II, to connect with Rosedale and a ten inch main.

—Discussed plans for a property trade with Valencia School. Pajaro Valley Unified School District officials reported the school district is receptive to trade of right-of-way to a water district well site and reservoir on Valencia school property for surplus property near the school.

—Suggested Aptos Fire District Chief Richard Chinn contact directors to discuss problems with proposed fire district projects. Walter Jordan, Aptos Fire District commissioner, reported on the projects during the session Monday.

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