

Supervisors Enlarge Water Committee

Water Supply

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Four new members were appointed to the Santa Cruz county water conservation committee yesterday, when the county supervisors met in regular session, bringing the total membership on the committee to 10.

One additional appointment was expected to be made at the next meeting of the board by Supervisor Gus Wahlberg, who was absent yesterday.

The new members named yesterday were Ralph Mattison of Aptos; Carl Conelly of Ben Lomond; Charles A. MacLean Jr., of Davenport; and Carl Bronson of Watsonville.

Current members of the committee are H. N. Ormsbee, the chairman; John C. Luthin, Santa Cruz; Les W. Ley, Santa Cruz; R. E. Fowle, city engineer for the city of Watsonville; Irvin Dethlefsen, from the Pajaro Valley water conservation district; and Weston L. Webber, Santa Cruz city water superintendent.

For the eleventh member to the

committee, which the supervisors decided recently to enlarge from six after several requests were received to do so, the names of Arnold Baldwin, county surveyor and engineer, and Robert Burton, city councilman, were suggested yesterday.

In other actions yesterday supervisors:

Agreed to pay Floyd Silliman, Pajaro valley rancher, \$407 for a fence which he constructed in the Monterey flood control district some time ago. The cost represents half the actual price of the fencing, the expense to be borne equally by Monterey county.

Approved payment of \$6287 to the state division of highways as the county's share toward the cost of the Mt. Hermon-Camp Evers road realignment.

Transferred \$660 from the unappropriated reserves for a new car for the sheriff's office.

Granted the road department 155 hours overtime, some of which was the result of storm damage.

Granted the county assessor 16 hours overtime, at the same time noting that the request for overtime should be made before not after it has occurred.

Referred to the road commissioner a communication from William T. Brooks of Aptos which stated that Trout Gulch road was in bad shape.

Supervisor C. B. Harts said that he couldn't understand the letter, as a road crew had been out there last week working and more work was slated for the area.

Referred to the welfare department a claim from Los Angeles county for \$99.68 incurred by a county pension recipient at the general hospital.

Granted A. A. Horton, county treasurer and tax collector, permission to attend a county tax collectors conference in Riverside September 17-19.

Approved the request of J. Ernie Balke, county probation officer, permission to attend the governor's conference on youth in Sacramento February 25-26.

Held for study a request from the county hospital administrator asking that changes in classifications be made for the assistant hospital engineers and that adjustments be made in the salaries of the engineers, also.

Granted Lloyd Brackett, hospital kitchen aide, a six-month leave of absence so that he could go to England. The leave was granted because of the aide's excellent five-year record.

Also granted the administrator permission to hire Dr. Robert Frank Punta as a resident physician at the hospital at the beginning salary of \$460 a month.

Gave permission for the public health laboratory technician at the hospital to attend a conference at Asilomar May 14-16.

Received notice of a public utility hearing before the commission March 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Ben Lomond chamber of commerce. The hearing is on the request of the Citizens Utility company for a rate increase.

To Get Water Report Tomorrow

A review of the recently-issued state division of water resources report will be held tomorrow night when the Santa Cruz city council and city water commission held a joint meeting at the council chambers.

Water Superintendent Weston Webber will outline the main points from the state report, which was received last month, at the meeting.

City Manager Robert Klein has said that water development is a top problem in the county as well as the state as a whole. He said that Santa Cruz is fortunate because it has the resources, but the problem is that the resources have not been impounded.

SAFETY CONFERENCE OPENS

Washington (AP).—The White House conference on highway safety, opening today, set its sights on the saving of 15,000 lives and some 1½ billion dollars in accident losses this year.