

Sky Park study planned

SCOTTS VALLEY — In an attempt to speed development plans for the abandoned Sky Park airport, the City Council will consider hiring a consultant to begin an environmental study of the site.

At a closed meeting Wednesday night, the council will also decide whether to approve in concept a plan to buy 8.5 acres of Sky Park for a new city park. As part of the deal, the city of Santa Cruz and other owners of the property will be required to donate another 8.5 acres to Scotts Valley.

Prices for the transaction have not been discussed yet, according to City Administrator August Caires. Santa Cruz will be asked to bear half the cost of the environmental study. Santa Cruz owns most of Sky Park, but the land cannot be developed unless Scotts Valley agrees to provide services to the site.

The Scotts Valley City Council must also decide what to do with the Scotts Valley RV Park, which the city recently purchased.

The City Council meeting begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday at One Civic Center Drive in Scotts Valley.