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Work To Begin On Pump Station

Work will finally get under way on the \$1.1 million Capitola sewage pump station/restroom facility at the east end of Capitola Beach by the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District.

Directors Thursday unanimously awarded the work contract bid to the Dan Caputo Co. of San Jose. The company is scheduled to make use of several Santa Cruz area subcontractors.

Work will commence in about 10 days and is scheduled to take more than a year to complete.

The new pump station with sophisticated odor controls will

replace the old-fashioned station now in operation. Opposition to the proposal — especially its beach location — has come from a handful of Capitola Village merchants.

After months of redesign, however, the project was approved. In exchange for the prime location, the Sanitation District will build new restroom facilities on the beach, as well.

The \$1.1 million bid was only 5.9 percent over the original engineer's estimate.