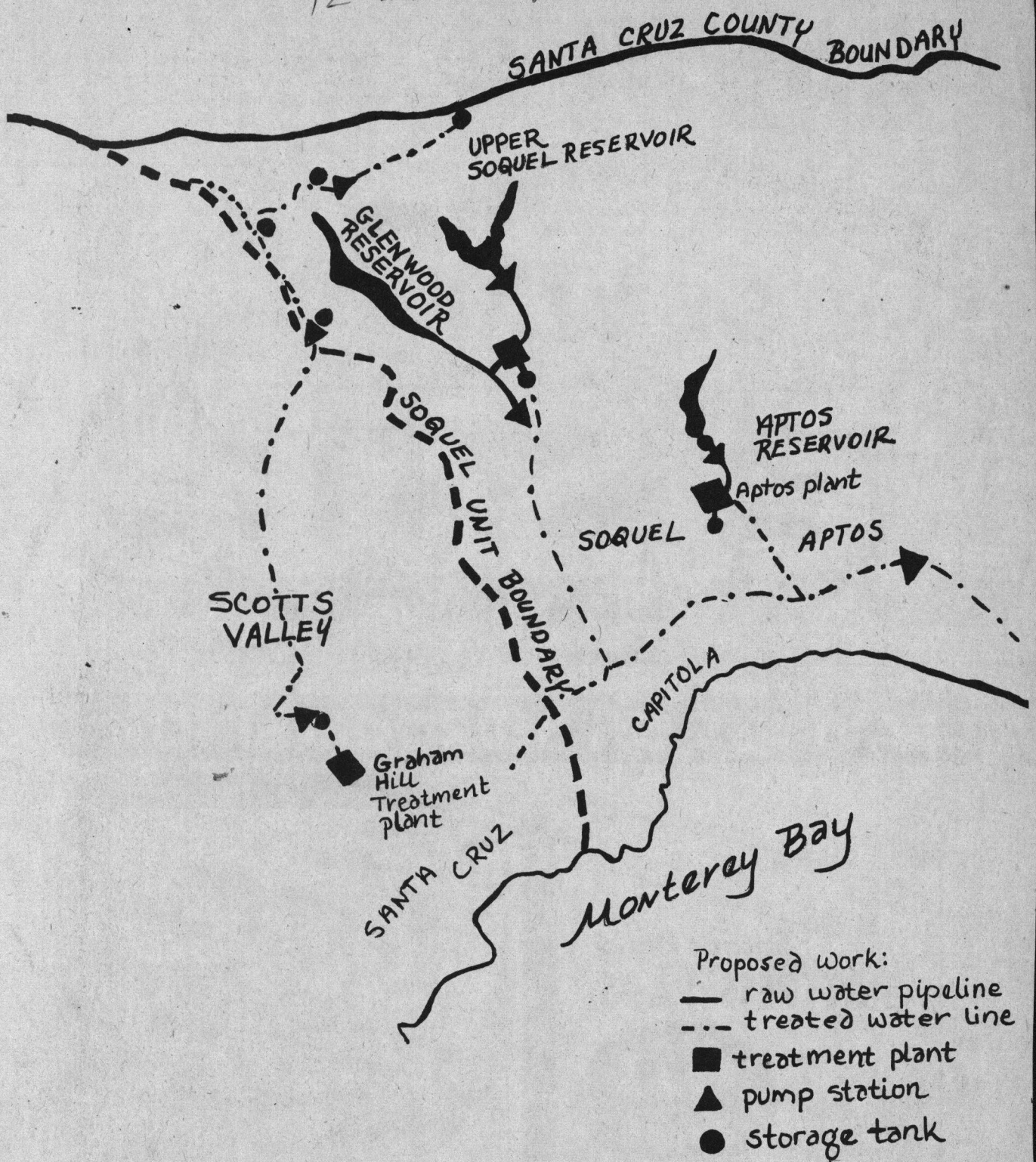


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Master plan says dam will serve Soquel basin, not Scotts Valley.

One water district too many wants to build Glenwood dam

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Two water districts are currently proceeding with plans to develop the proposed Glenwood Reservoir on the west branch of Soquel Creek near the summit of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Both the Soquel Creek County Water District and the Scotts Valley County Water District want to develop the Glenwood Reservoir to provide water for future needs of their districts.

The Local Agency Formation Commission, however, has approved annexation of the site by the Soquel district, contingent upon public approval of a revenue bond issue next year.

Citizens will be asked to approve \$5 million in revenue bonds to provide for district expansion in the next 10 years, including property purchase for the Glenwood Reservoir.

The Scotts Valley district responded to the LAFCO action by sending out letters to all property owners in the district announcing it is commencing purchase of lands for the Glenwood Reservoir, which it still intends to develop.

The Soquel district, in seeking the annexation of the site, claimed that the 1968-2020 master plan for water development of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District calls for development of the Glenwood Reservoir to serve the

Soquel area.

An examination of the water plan shows that the Soquel Creek district is right.

The master plan map shows the Glenwood Reservoir feeding water through a 24-inch raw water pipeline to a water treatment plant to serve both the Glenwood and the proposed Upper Soquel Reservoir on the east fork of Soquel Creek.

The water is then to be transported through a treated water pipeline to the Soquel and Capitola areas, for domestic and industrial use.

The water plan does not even show an intertie between the Glenwood Reservoir and the Scotts Valley area. Instead, the plan contemplates a connection between the Santa Cruz city system and the Scotts Valley system.

This plan does not seem to have met with favor in the Scotts Valley County Water District.

The Glenwood and Upper Soquel Reservoir projects are not supposed to take place tomorrow. The water plan calls for six reservoir projects for the so-called Upper County area (everything except the Pajaro Valley).

The recommended sequence for constructing the reservoir projects is: Zayante, Aptos, Scott, Upper San Lorenzo, Glenwood, and Upper Soquel.

The net yield of the Glenwood

project is estimated at 4,800 acre feet. Scheduled first year of service, in the water plan, is 2,002.

The Glenwood site gets good marks in the water plan, which may help explain why it is so sought after.

The summary and recommendations section of the plan says, "The Glenwood site was subjected to a comprehensive preliminary geological investigation during the study and found to be an excellent dam site. This site will be needed for a project before the end of the study period; and to halt residential development within the reservoir area, the site is recommended for early

acquisition."

A major recommendation of the county water plan was appointment of a water resources committee to carry it out, and to arrange cooperation by the various county water agencies.

Although the plan was adopted three years ago, the water committee has yet to be appointed by the Santa Cruz County board of supervisors.

However, the board has now approved hiring a water services coordinator who will serve as executive secretary for the committee. He will presumably be instrumental in establishment of the committee.