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Soquel Water Board Halts Coast Hookups

Soquel Creek County Water District has halted all new water connections in the 1,000 yard strip of the coastal preservation zone.

Water directors came to the decision at their Monday night meeting after listening to a report on the requirements of the recently enacted Coastal Zone Conservation Act by the district's legal counselor, Bob Bosso.

No hookups will be made to new buildings in the preservation strip until there is more clarification of the law's requirements.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has adopted a similar stance, reporting the firm has been left to set its own policy on what work may be done until it is

made clear how the law works.

The water board noted it will continue to make repairs to existing water facilities in the protected zone. Bosso was directed to investigate means to proceed also with new construction in the interim before the law's construction application mechanism is set up.

In other action, the board took under advisement a report from financial consultants Stone and Youngberg outlining a proposed time schedule and procedure list for the district's calling of a \$5 - million revenue bond election.

The district hopes to call the election this spring to finance long - range improvements to its water facilities.

Directors also heard a report that owners are willing to sell a proposed 1.7 - acre site for a storage tank in the Park Wilshire area. The 1.5 - million - gallon tank would serve an area stretching to the Rancho del Mar shopping center.

The site, at a 400 - foot elevation, is near the intersection of Jennifer Drive and Austrian Way, but will be screened from view by thick forest growth.

Sale of the pump to service the newly drilled Madeline Lane well in the Aptos area was awarded to low bidder Byron Jackson Pumps of San Francisco. The firm's offer was \$9,018 for the 100 - horsepower, 700 - gallons - per - minute device.