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# SV close to annexing Skypark land

## Sentinel staff report

SCOTTS VALLEY — Skypark is one step closer to becoming part of Scotts Valley.

If all goes as planned, the former airport will be annexed by the city of Scotts Valley at the Local Agency Formation Commission's March 10 meeting.

"It's relatively done," said Chuck Comstock, Scotts Valley city manager.

At a LAFCO meeting Thursday, commissioners directed their staff to make final revisions to maps to add some stretches of street to the annexation and some islands of land in the area to not be annexed.

Once the annexation is approved by LAFCO, the next step is for the owners of the property and the city of Scotts Valley to find developers to put the Specific Plan for the 93-acre property into effect.

The plan includes commercial and residential development, along with a park.

The annexation was delayed when the Watkins-Johnson Co. filed suit to block the construction of a middle school planned for the Skypark development because it was too close to the company's Scotts Valley facility.

LAFCO's ruling on the annexation was delayed because of the suit, said Michael Vasquez, Skypark committee member.

The commission indicated they would not rule until the litigation was resolved, he said.

"It just clouded the issue to the extent where LAFCO just didn't want to make a decision," Vasquez said.