

Felton sewerage cost estimated near \$13 million

Sewage facilities to serve the Felton area can be constructed at a cost of just under \$13 million, a consultant's financial report shows.

The report was submitted by the firm of Consoer, Townsend and Associates of San Jose. Figures are based on 1974 projected cost estimates.

The proposal calls for the raw sewage to be piped to the Santa Cruz treatment plant with a forcemain and pumping station to lift it over Graham Hill.

As outlined, the project would be in five parts which could either be constructed at one time or separately.

Zone one would serve central Felton where collection facilities could be built at a cost of \$4,520,000.

Zone two would serve Mount Hermon and could be constructed for \$2,495,000.

Zone three would serve Gold Gulch and its cost would be \$1,782,000.

Zone four would service the San Lorenzo High school and its cost would be \$978,000.

Zone five would extend along Zayante road to Quail Hollow road and would cost \$851,000.

The consultants recommend the project be governed by a county service area with the board of supervisors acting as directors. This would enable the obtaining of 1915 act bonds which could be repaid over a 25 year period.

The consultants recommend construction of a force main and pump station with a capacity of 6 million gallons a day. This would be large enough to serve the five zones as their connections are completed.

Undergrounding in Felton— lowest priority

Undergrounding of utility lines in downtown Felton was given bottom priority by the county board of supervisors last week.

The board voted to adopt a priority schedule proposed by the department of public works which put the Cabrillo College area at the top of the list.

Second priority was given to 41st avenue with the program to be jointly carried out by the City of Capitola and the county. The board also voted to extend the

undergrounding along Freedom boulevard which was given third priority.

Fourth and fifth priorities were given to Pajaro boulevard and the Rio Del Mar Esplanade while Felton was placed sixth and last.

According to public Works Director Don Porath, the Felton Businessmen's association had expressed an interest in undergrounding utility poles in the town but apparently failed to take any follow up action.

Cress to investigate BL dump as septic tank waste site

An investigation into the possibilities of using the Ben Lomond dump as a place to deposit septic tank pumpings was promised by Supervisor George L. Cress last week.

He said he would meet with public works and health department officials to see if an arrangement could be worked out.

The matter was brought to the board's attention by Herb Liddon, a Ben Lomond septic tank pumper, who said the increased fees by the Santa Cruz sewage disposal plant for handling loads might lead to some operators emptying their trucks in remote

areas.

Cress agreed this was a strong possibility and using the dump should at least be worth exploring.

Raynor Talley, director of environmental health, pointed out material pumped from septic tanks has, for the most part, been subject to years of bacteriological action and was not raw sewage.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board will have a big part in the final decision, it was pointed out at the meeting.