Parcel annexed to SV after all

SANTA CRUZ - All's well that

ends well.

That was the story Wednesday as the county's Local Agency Formation Commission approved a proposal to annex 17 acres on the southeast side of Lockwood Lane to

the city of Scotts Valley.

Approval of the annexation, which the commission at one time tried to inflate to 63 acres on both sides of the road, came on a 3-2 vote. Joining forces to approve the proposal were Scotts Valley City Councilwoman Barbara Leichter, Capitola Councilman Dennis Beltram and the commisson's public member, Bob Garcia. County supervisors Gary Patton and Robley Levy voted against the annexation.

The Lockwood Lane annexation saga began late last year when Harold Boyd, whose family owns about two-thirds of the annexation area, requested that the land be attached to Scotts Valley. Boyd wants to build a 25-unit single-family residential subdivision on his property.

When the proposal came before

the commission, however, Patton, Levy and Garcia decided it would be more logical to annex both the undeveloped 17 acres on the southeast side of the street and a 46-acre subdivision on the street's opposite side to the city.

That move was opposed by Leichter, Boyd, and a number of subdivision residents, who petitioned the city to halt the annexation.

The proposed 63-acre annexation was killed in February when City Council members, following a public hearing, decided they wanted nothing to do with it.

Boyd subsequently returned to the commission with his original an-

nexation request.

The next stop for the annexation proposal will be the Scotts Valley City Council, which must hold another hearing on it before it can become final.

Commission Executive Director Pat McCormick said Wednesday that the city, acting under a state law which permits municipalities to consider development proposals prior to actual annexation, has already given tentative approval to Boyd's 25-lot subdivision