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School E

Contests In Most Districts; Polls Open Till 7 O'Clock

By Len Klempnauer

Scarcely a trace of voters could be found at the polls this morning for school district trustee elections.

An extremely low four per cent of the registered voters had cast ballots by noon today, according to a spot check of precincts by The Sentinel.

Lack of issues appears to be keeping the voters away, although contested elections prevail in most of the districts. County Clerk Tom Kelley has predicted a turnout of 34 per cent of the registered 40,649 voters in the county.

Funds Asked For Beaches

Governor Brown has included \$1 million for land purchases in the Twin Lakes Schwan Lake and Bonita lagoon areas in a \$19.1 million 1963-64 budget request for the state beach and park system.

Everett Powell, supervisor of acquisition for the State Division of Beaches and Parks, said this morning at Sacramento the purchases would be part of "the original plan for acquisition for the Twin Lakes area."

Powell said the request involves approximately 50 acres which are now in private ownership. He indicated the land involved is all of Bonita Lagoon, in the vicinity of 14th avenue; the beach down to Schwan Lake beach, and on to Twin Lakes beach land presently owned by the state.

"Development would follow sooner or later, just as soon as money would be made available," Powell said.

"This is completion of a plan for acquisition and development between the county planning commission and the beaches and parks division some time ago. It is one we have been working on,

Polls will be open until seven o'clock tonight in all districts.

Candidates in the larger districts facing contests include:

Santa Cruz City Elementary-High school district (three openings)—incumbent Ambrose Cowden, incumbent John L. Strong, Lewis L. Alcorn, Erva J. Bowen, Don Waldemar.

Live Oak (two openings)—incumbent Robert A. Osterman, incumbent Gorman Woody, George W. Stokes.

Soquel (two openings)—James E. Greig, John W. Hornback, Stanley F. Stephens Jr.

Scotts Valley (two openings)—incumbent Phillips B. Patton, Edward I. Kingham, Charles M. Rickard.

Aptos (two openings)—incumbent Fred J. Banks, incumbent Charles Plate, Marilyn Lee, Tom Cramblet.

Watsonville High (two openings)—incumbent Baun Jordan, Virginia Barr, James H. DuMond.

Watsonville City Elementary (two openings)—incumbent Allen M. Lopes, incumbent Janet Meidl, Vera E. Hutchinson.

Corralitos (two openings)—incumbent Ken Tweedy, Edison L. Denney, Allison Rider.

The Sentinel learned here yesterday that a write-in campaign is under way to retain incumbent Pegie Johns on the Santa Cruz city school boards. Mrs. Johns did not take out candidacy papers for re-election.