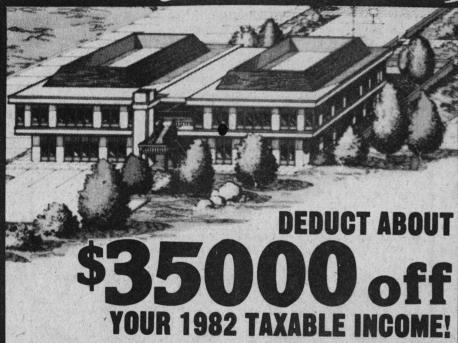
Board of Super

Here's how the board divided up the county



That's what the owners of the new Green Valley Professional Park Office Condominiums will likely realize next year! In addition to the incredible tax advantages, the owners will enjoy first class tailor-made elegance in one of the fastest growing areas of Santa Cruz County: Pennsylvania Drive and Green Valley Road.

A fine restaurant and an ultra-modern racquetball-health club are also scheduled to be part of this complex. The Club will only be a few steps from the door of your Office Condominium, making it easy to work out, play racquetball, or go for a leisurely swim and whirlpool.

As a bonus, those who contract now will be eligible to receive the first year's membership in the Club FREE! Also, the initiation

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between the Second and of Forbus and the reserva-Fourth supervisorial dis-tions of Moore with the tricts in Santa Cruz County redistricting proposal, it underwent a significant was considered and Supervisors last week, but fireworks that often accomthe population shifts were pany such political realignnot that dramatic.

In the main, the changes of the Second and E. Wavne Moore Jr. of the Fourth. Mrs. Levy, in fact, had no complaints at all, his district.

because he was particu- majority of the board. larly opposed to the lines Dave Laughlin, the overpopulated.

lished in the current redis- of its redistricting methods. tricting process within a In trying to equalize the

ment of his constituents.

The boundary line Despite the unhappiness geographical change at the approved by the board hands of the Board of without a lot of the vitriolic ments.

What frustrated Forbus were acceptable to the two was the determination of supervisors who represent the board majority to the districts - Robley Levy follow the recommendations of the planning staff that the realignment be done strictly along the "census tracts" set up by but Moore wasn't entirely the U.S. Census Bureau happy with the fact that he when it conducted the 1980 had a bit of the city of census of the county. Tradi-Watsonville snipped from tionally, such boundary realignments have been Moore joined his fellow done by changing political conservative on the board, precincts, or by simply the First District's Dan carving up the county in Forbus, in voting against any way that can be politithe redistricting plan - not cally palatable to the

that were drawn around his county planning staffer who district, but because, he headed the redistricting said, he agreed with project, said the staff Forbus that "community decided to use the census interest" in many cases tract lines - which were had been sacrificed to drawn without reference to sheer population concerns, political boundaries and because he felt his because state law was quite district, already the fastest- strict in mandating that growing in the county, was population was to be the determining factor in Moore said he believed establishing political that a better population boundaries. He indicated balance could have been and the board majority achieved. He said popula- agreed - that deviating tion projects indicate that from that method could his district will grow open the county up to a beyond the limits estab- successful legal challenge

year or two, thus diluting districts in population, the the voice in county govern- staff set up a standard that county's total population constituents. a percent above the mean.

The First District's new Highway 17. boundary lines embrace Forbus was particularly 37,408 people, six-tenths of displeased with having the a percent below the stan- new line drawn through the dard; the Third District of middle of what he consi-Chairman Gary Patton will ders a "community of have 36,644, 2.6 percent interest" in the Summit below the standard, and area, giving a portion of it Joe Cucchiara's Fifth Dis- to Cucchiara's Fifth District will contain 37,685, trict. Forbus tried to have two-tenths of a percent the district lines in that above the standard.

rate insistence of Chairman that the shift of the 965 Patton that the system people back into his district used in redrawing the lines would still meet the rediswas, through use of the tricting standards, the census tracts, divorced majority refused to go from politics, Forbus along. Cucchiara and Mrs. thought he spotted the self- levy agreed with Patton interest of the three-person that there should be no liberal majority clearly changes in the proposed delineated by the newly boundaries except along drawn boundaries.

recognized that his own dis- out the changes desired by trict had become even Forbus. more "safe" for him with Because the census tract

would not allow any of the might further strengthen Freedom Boulevard to Calfive supervisorial districts his already relatively safe to deviate from the "ideal" position, it had the simultapopulation by more than 3 neous effect of ridding the percent. That "ideal" - liberal Cucchiara of some a portion of the foothill which represents the bothersome conservative area north of Sans Road

divided by 5 - is 37,620. In fact, most observers What was finally adopted agree that, while the by the board put the Fourth realignment of the districts District at about 38,664, or is not likely to bring dra-2.8 percent above the stan- matic political changes, the dard, and the Second Dis- biggest single beneficiary trict at about 37,740 (there is Cucchiara, who not only was one minor last-minute gets rid of conservative juggling between the two Pasatiempo, but also of districts), or three-tenths of that part of mostly conservative Scotts Valley east of

area remain where they Despite the rather elabo- were, but, despite the fact the lines of the federal The veteran supervisor census tracts, which ruled

its increased conservative lines "cooperated." Moore tint under the new plan, but managed to get a couple of he said that didn't fool him. changes in the staff pro-He noted that while this posal approved for his "dumping" of certain con- Fourth Disrict. One of them servative areas such as extends the boundary line Pasatiempo into his district down Bowker Road from

abasas Road. In exchange for that, Moore vielded back to the Second District and west of Green Valley Road.

Otherwise, major changes in the boundary between the two districts remain. In the new alignment, Mrs. Levy's Second District will take in the area between Highway 1 and the bay all the way to the Pajaro River, except for the part of the city of Watsonville that embraces the Beach Road-Lee Road area. That means that the uninhabited part of the city along Harkins Slough Road will be in the Second District, as will Pajaro Dunes. All these areas had been in Moore's Fourth District.

In addition, the Second District will get that part of the Fourth District that takes in Freedom Boulevard and acreage on either side of it to just beyond White Road - a segment known in the county building as "Mello's finger" because it was originally carved out to keep then Supervisor (now State Senator) Henry Mello in the Fourth District.

On the other side of the Second District, that part of the city of Capitola west of 41st Avenue and the Opal Cliffs area will be switched to Forbus' First District.

Moore's Fourth District will be extended northward into the hills to embrace the Casserly-Salsipuedes-Browns Valley area.