

Wingspread

# Aptos group opposed to Wingspread plan

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APTOS — On the eve of the Planning Commission's decision on Wingspread Beach Plan A, the Aptos Neighbors Association has released a poll showing its membership is overwhelmingly against the project.

Pat Shand, newly elected president of ANA, said 81 percent of the members who were polled by phone were against Plan A, the smaller of two projects proposed by Ryland Kelley for the Porter Sesnon property.

Some 84 percent of the 291 members responded to the poll, past ANA president Peter Carr said. Four phone calls were made to each member in an attempt to reach the entire group.

Three questions were asked, he said. The first was to determine if the member had enough information to comment. The second asked whether the Board of Supervisors should approve Plan A. The third was a follow-up question, asking what should be done with the property.

A majority of the people polled said they

favored a state park instead, according to the results.

Only 8 percent of the ANA members said they want the project, and 11 percent said they had no opinion, the results revealed.

The poll was a follow-up to the March 12 forum the group held on the Plan A project.

Kelley has proposed building a 197-unit condominium hotel, conference center, restaurant and recreation facilities at the 72-acre site.

Wednesday morning, the county Planning Commission is scheduled to decide the fate of Plan A. At the last meeting, commissioners took an informal poll, revealing a split of 2-2, with Aptos District Commissioner Ree Burnap asking for a delay.

The decision now rests with Burnap.

Kelley has stated repeatedly that if Plan A is not approved, he will drop Plan B, the larger project with 295 units, a conference center, performing arts facility and sports fields.