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## City's Weed Abatement Plan Nears 'Go Ahead'

A public hearing, last preliminary to a start in the city's weed abatement program, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the city council meeting in council chambers. Lot owners can enter objections to the program at the hearing, but will be required to show the council cause why their property should be excluded when the contractor starts his weed-killing rounds Wednesday morning.

Under unfinished business, the council will touch on several continuing civic problems. Staff reports are scheduled on the Salz tannery odor problem, the Greyhound bus depot question, operation of the Loch Lomond recreation area concession, and the proposed dozen city charter amendments to go on the April ballot.

The city attorney has drawn up alternative versions of one proposed charter change to satisfy council questions raised last month.

A concessionaire has been found for Loch Lomond, and water director Weston Webber has recommended a contract be awarded to Mr. and Mrs Bryan Osborn of Soquel, who operate boat rental services at the Capitola wharf and on the San Lorenzo river below Ocean

The dust-up over lawbreaking and rowdyism in the beach area, kicked up late last year by

beach businessman Al Conquest. will probably die a quiet death with submission of a report by City Manager David Koester on corrective action taken after staff studies.

The study recommends buying a new mobile radar unit to curb speeding, setting up more speed limit signs and relocating others, and a generally more stringent speed enforcement policy. Buying two walkie-talkie radios for instant communication with beat patrolmen, to bring police quickly to the scene of beach disturbances, is also mentioned.

High-powered mercury vapor street lights have been installed on Second street and are expected to cut "undesirable activity," and a campaign is under way to get rid of sub-standard beach area buildings to "eliminate some of the gathering places that attract an undesirable element to the beach area."

Littering problems can be cut by placing numerous litter cans at attractive locations for public use, the study suggests.

The city's 1965 sewer bonds. approved at the polls last year, will be ordered to the printers Tuesday. Staff is recommending award of the printing contract to the Jeffries Banknote company, Los Angeles, apparent low bidder at \$965, plus \$45 for each additional interest rate.