

LO Annexation Freeze Requested

Annexation

A six months moratorium on any, and all, annexations in the Live Oak area was requested by county supervisors Tuesday.

Led by Live Oak Supervisor Phil Baldwin, the board voted unanimously to request the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFC) hold off any annexations in the Live Oak General Plan Area until the plan is approved by supervisors, expected around June.

Initial opposition to Baldwin's request was expressed by Supervisor Cecil Smith who, said that Baldwin's background material supporting the resolution was "quite critical of LAFCo and some LAFCo members."

Baldwin replied, "I believe the Grand Jury report bears out that criticism."

Supervisor Gary Patton pointed out that LAFC has changed certain guidelines since the report, including a process in effect for a while that allowed city representatives to vote on their own agency's annexations.

Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat noted the county

board has no authority to direct LAFC, and Baldwin agreed the supervisor's resolution was a request to LAFC, and a notification of the board's position to the public.

Other action of the board Tuesday not previously reported included the following:

CETA — The board approved acceptance and allocation of \$171,595 in additional Comprehensive Employment and Training title 1 funds, however, \$20,000 that had been requested for the Youth Employment Service's Easter Week Program was withheld for further study. Other CETA action included transfer of about \$2.36 million in funds to other program categories to allow ongoing employment to continue under federal guidelines.

HANDICAPPED — The board agreed to give further support to Volunteer Service and Adaptability Unlimited in working out problems with four vans, modified to carry citizens who need wheelchairs, that were delivered to this county and found to be inadequate.

MORAN LAKE — The board agreed to seek funding to restore Moran Lake. **ROAD PLAN** — The board approved acceptance of a five-year road plan for the unincorporated area of the county that included improvements to Mt. Hermon Road from Conference Drive to Scotts Valley, Graham Hill Road areas, 41st Avenue from Brommer Street to Portola Drive, Soquel-San Jose Road and a railroad crossing at 47th Avenue. The above projects have funding expected. A list of unfunded projects was also approved for consideration, including Lompico Road, Emeline Street and Pajaro Boulevard.

TECHO — Supervisors indicated that if water savings devices in the Freedom County Sanitation District can come up with an additional 41 units of capacity, it may be possible for TECHO, a federally funded, low-income local housing agency, to have rights for 16 units planned in the sphere-of-influence area of the district. The board held, however, that the existing 24 units of capacity be held for in-district, building sites of under one acre.