

Lighthouse Field: A \$4.4 Million Price Tag

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It could cost the state some \$4.4 million to purchase Lighthouse Field and convert it into a park, a study by the state Department of General Services has indicated.

The study by the department's real estate division, which has been turned over to Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post, includes 107 top priority oceanfront sites which the coastal commission wants to buy for parks or waterfowl habitats. (See related story on Page 4.)

The \$4.4 million estimate "is not an appraisal and is not reputed to be one," commented Dean Bailey of the real estate division of the General Services department. "The property will be appraised later either by the state or for the state."

He said the \$4.4 million estimate is a "broad-brush" figure which includes administrative costs in acquiring land in addition to purchase price. Those costs include the cost of appraisals, planning and possible condemnation procedures.

He said the study was completed for the legislature in an attempt to figure out how much it would cost the state to adopt the coastal commission's priority list of needed parks.

The coastal commission had put the value of the 37-acre Lighthouse Field parcel at

\$510,000. State commission staff member Tom Rowe commented that the commission figure could not be compared to the general services figure

because the latter referred to the cost to the state while the commission was only trying to apply a figure to value of the land.

Sheriff Cost Flap Cools

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Sheriff Al Noren's decision this week to quit providing records checks for arrestees proposed for pre-trial release apparently will not close the program down.

The sheriff's action, which was feared would vastly increase the county's jail population, came after he was told Wednesday that County Administrative Officer Ted Durkee did not support the increased level of service proposed in the sheriff's 1976-77 budget.

Noren said today that he decided to shift the work of records checking onto another county department's shoulders "Because if we're all concerned about saving all this money, then I'm going to start right now shifting this burden to someone else."

Durkee said today that other arrangements are being made to provide the teletype informa-

tion so that judges will have the required information for pre-trial release.

Durkee also said that he could support the sheriff's proposal that six civilians be hired to handle the complaint department at the sheriff's department, but he could not support the sheriff's desire to transfer deputies now handling complaints to set up a seventh beat in the county.

Durkee said to do so would amount to an increased level of service that would have to be maintained throughout the 1976-77 fiscal year and this would result in an added burden on the budget.

The CAO said he did not recommend firing the deputies and would like to see the six deputies full present and future job openings.

Noren said that in hiring the six civilians, it would be an opportune time to increase the

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