Tentative date wood set for recount of District 1 votes

A tentative date has been set for the recount of votes in the District 1 race of Watsonyille's Dec. 5 election.

The recount, requested by losing candidate Cruz Gomez, has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. The count will be done by hand by a four-person Recount Board, selected by City Clerk Lorraine Washington.

Washington said she set a date that was convenient for her and Gomez, but that she hadn't contacted all the people she'd like to be on the Recount Board yet. She said she would like poll workers from the district's two precincts to be on the board. If they aren't available, Washington said she would choose voters in the district for the board.

In the closely watched District 1 race, frozen-food company consultant Paul Milladin beat community activist Gomez by 34 votes. Gomez said she was asking for the recount because it was so close.

The cost of the recount - \$220 will be borne by Gomez.