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Courthouse Plans To Be Discussed

One major change in earlier plans for the new courthouse is featured in an isometric drawing that comes before the board of supervisors tomorrow for its approval.

Supervisor Lewis Nelson, a member of the board building committee, reports that the former plan provided for the law courts to be separated from the main building housing the county offices.

The latest economy move is to give the development more flexibility by making the courts building part of the main one-floor structure.

A representative of the San Francisco architectural firm of John Lyon Reid and partners will not be here tomorrow, but Nelson intends to explain the change to the board members. The Soquel district supervisor conferred approximately a week ago with the architects.

If the board approves the sketch, the architects will proceed immediately with preliminary plans.

The county has been granted an additional 2½ acres for the triangular shaped courthouse site, making a total of seven acres. Nelson reported the extra space will allow for more parking area, without further harming the San Lorenzo flood control project.

A shopping center has already been cut out of the park project with the courthouse going up on the site of the old Garibaldi hotel, he added.

The one-floor Spanish style structure will have its back to the San Lorenzo river, according to the San Francisco firm's plans. Cost of the courthouse and actual construction date has not been determined yet. Reid and his firm designed the San Lorenzo Valley high school.

Nelson indicated the service center may go into the courthouse site since the rental fee for the Front street building across from the courthouse annex is too high.

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