

San Lorenzo River surged over its banks, dropping again at noon today, but had wreaked havoc during its flood stage after absorbing the runoff from a heavy rain

of rain. Forecasts indicated the rains would ease tonight and Wednesday.

Photo by Sentinel Photographer Pete Amos.

County Fights SC Dam Plan

Water supply *1-16-73*

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County supervisors this morning voted unanimously to seek a court injunction against the City of Santa Cruz to prevent construction of a water diversion station on the San Lorenzo River until the city comes before them to explain the need for such a facility.

The motion by Seaside District Supervisor Phil Harry, whose district includes most of the city, came after County Counsel Howard Gawthrop told the board that Santa Cruz

didn't need approval of the "courtesy use permit" from the county, and that supervisors would have a "very small chance" of stopping the diversion station (inflatable dam) from being built.

Gawthrop said in effect that the state owns the water, and that the various state agencies have approved the diversion station. The station proposed near Felton is planned to take water from the San Lorenzo River during high water flow periods and replenish the dam at Loch Lomond.

Harry and Aptos Supervisor Dale Dawson contended the city subjected itself to county approval of the project by making the use permit application, and Dawson said the issue wasn't one of only water use, but "method of acquisition." On that point, Gawthrop believed the county could have more say in how the water is taken out of the river, but can't deny the water diversion because under the California Constitution state agencies determine such questions.

Supervisors didn't like that

since it allows one governing agency to approve projects in areas within another agency's jurisdiction, and in a separate motion unanimously approved asking Assemblyman Frank Murphy Jr. and State Senator Don Grunsky to change the setup.

Supervisors discussed the issue after San Lorenzo Valley Supervisor Pat Liteky, following a meeting with Dawson with the city, wrote in a letter that the station is "intended for meeting the future growth needs of Santa Cruz," and is a "growth inducing factor." He said it would not be in the best interest of the county to build the station, and would be harmful to the quality of the San Lorenzo River.

Soquel - Live Oak Supervisor Dan Forbus said it is necessary for the county to come up with an alternative to the station, and Harry and Liteky were named to a committee to look into that.

Chairman Henry Mello noted that the station was "designated as a conceptual item" in the countywide water master plan, which had some input from the county.

Grim Corona Jury Still Trying To Reach Verdict

FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Under judicial orders, a grim-faced jury in the Juan Corona mass murder trial resumed attempts today to break an 8-4 deadlock and reach a verdict.

In the fourth day of deliberations Monday, the panel announced to the court it was

unable to reach a verdict, but Judge Richard E. Patton ordered them to continue deliberating at least until noon today.

He instructed the panel not to reveal whether they were split in favor of acquittal or conviction.

After 28 hours of deliber-

ations during four days, jury foreman Ernest Phillips told the court: "We have reached what appears to be an impasse. We cannot decide one way or the other about the guilt or innocence."

Patton told the panel to continue its efforts and not to report back before noon today.

Corona, 38, was ex-