

Water districts on collision course

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The Scotts Valley and the Soquel Creek County Water Districts are still on collision course over Glenwood Dam.

Both districts plan to develop a dam and reservoir on the Glenwood site in the Santa Cruz mountains and neither is about to give in to the other.

The collision may occur Aug. 16, when the Soquel District will ask the Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission for permission to annex the Glenwood site to the district.

The Soquel Creek district plans to ask its voters next July for authorization to issue \$5 million in revenue bonds to finance district improvements over a 10-year period. Approximately \$800,000 of that total will be for purchase of the Glenwood Reservoir site.

The impasse between the two districts continued Monday night.

A letter was read from Jack E. Hinds, manager of the Scott's Valley County Water District. It announced "the unanimous decision of our board to proceed with construction of Glenwood Dam" even if the Soquel District does not wish to develop the project as a joint venture with Scott's Valley.

A proposal for joint development of the project by the Scott's Valley district has been rejected by the Soquel Creek district.

Soquel Creek board members

repeated their intention of going ahead with the Glenwood Reservoir development as planned—for the Soquel Creek district and only the Soquel Creek district.

They did not see how the Scott's Valley district, with 1,000 water connections, could proceed with a \$10 million project all by itself.

District Manager Robert Johnson said that the Santa Cruz County water master plan, the Brown and Caldwell report, and a city of Santa Cruz water study have all indicated the reservoir would serve the Soquel Plain, between Rodeo Gulch and La Selva.

Johnson said that if the Soquel Creek district joined the Scott's Valley district in the development, it would have to accelerate the development of a more costly project to serve its area.