

## Annexation

# Capitola Annex Report Accepted

With annexation in the back of its mind, the city of Capitola took a step in expanding its boundaries 140 acres Thursday night when the city's Planning Commission accepted a draft environmental impact report of the area in question.

The city's sphere of influence must be expanded, as well as its general plan revised, before possible annexation procedures can continue.

Planning Director Dick Steele noted the commission's acceptance of the EIR, and its recommendations concerning general plan designations in the area, will now go to the City Council. He cited several procedures before an annexation occurs, such as hearings before the Local Agency Formation Commission and the regional Coastal Commission, as well as approval from the residents who live in the area.

The area in question consists of 61 parcels, including 54 residential structures. It is located east of Park Avenue and New Brighton State Beach, south of McGregor Drive, west of Borregas Gulch and north of Monterey Bay.

It basically can be divided into four groups involving the Porter-Sesnon property, the Amtron frontage, the state park and the residential area of Pine Tree Lane and Pot Belly Beach. Part of the area has been discussed as possible sites for a Mid-County Community Center, as well as a professional-electronics firm.

Geary Coats, land use consultant who did the EIR, painstakingly went over the various

mitigation measures that could occur through expansion.

Several Pine Tree Lane residents spoke in opposition to future annexation. Jim Warnock expressed concern over the diminishing water situation in the area. "We want to stay just the way we are," he said. In noting Aptos is also considering the area as part of its incorporation plans, he added, "We're against incorporation into any entity — Aptos' or Capitola's."

Gilbert Geddes questioned why Capitola taxpayers would allow their city to spend their tax dollars on an EIR for land that isn't even in the city's boundaries. He also questioned Capitola's Fire Department service ability since both Soquel's and Aptos' are closer.

After much discussion, the commission accepted the EIR and recommended the various areas be designated as residential, professional office as well as a special area in the for a possible Mid-County Community Center. Commissioner Terre Thomas was the lone dissenter in the proposed general plan designations.

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