

# Push is under way for park at Porter-Sesnon

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SANTA CRUZ — Now that Palo Alto developer Ryland Kelley's Wingspread Beach hotel-conference center has been rejected by county voters, opponents of the controversial development have regrouped to ensure that the Porter-Sesnon property will be annexed to neighboring New Brighton Beach State Park.

Pat Manning of the Committee Against Measure A — which directed the campaign against the Wingspread ballot referendum — Tuesday announced the formation of the "New Brighton Beach Action Coalition." Manning said the new group would "monitor the progress of actions taken by the Board of Supervisors, our state legislators and the state Parks Department regarding the future of the Porter-Sesnon property."

The first of those actions came Tuesday as the board approved a series of recommendations by Aptos Supervisor Robley Levy. At Levy's urging, the board agreed to ask Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Monterey, and state Sen. Henry Mello, D-Watsonville, for their help

in securing Porter-Sesnon's annexation to the park, and to direct County Administrative Officer George Newell to work with county departments and state parks officials toward that end.

The state now has \$3.7 million in hand to buy Kelley's 99-year lease on the Porter-Sesnon property, which is owned by the University of California. The funds were obtained by Mello a number of years ago.

Kelley, who paid \$1.75 million for the Porter-Sesnon lease in 1978, has said that the property is worth much more than the state can currently afford to pay for it. He has vowed to push ahead with plans for a 197-unit hotel and conference center, now that the larger and more ambitious Wingspread project has been rejected.

Levy cast the swing vote in favor of the 468-unit Wingspread hotel, conference center and performing arts complex. But she opposed the smaller project on the grounds that it offered no significant public benefits for the county. She indicated last week that she would not support it now, seemingly dooming it to ultimate rejection by the Board of Supervisors.