

# Twin Lakes Harbor Proposa Draws 10-29- Some Area Protests 53

With the exception of some of the residents in the Twin Lakes area who are fearful of losing their homes in case a yacht harbor is realized, most of the persons who appeared yesterday at the hearing on the proposed revision of the county master shoreline plan seemed to be in favor of the proposal.

Other exceptions were members of the Rio del Mar Beach Owners association, who were willing to have the state take over the beach if it also took over Beach drive at the same time, and Tom McHugh and Peter D. Petroff, both of whom maintained the Santa Cruz beach was already in public ownership.

At the end of the long session, the matter was continued to the next meeting of the commission November 18, for the second hearing, as required by law.

The planning commission held the hearing which attracted so many interested persons that additional chairs were required and there was standing room only in the courthouse annex hallway.

Although there were a number of objections voiced from the Twin Lakes area, most of them were from persons who understandably did not like the prospect of losing their homes, should a yacht harbor go in.

According to the proposal as presented some time ago to the people in Twin Lakes, a tier of lots containing homes might be sacrificed along the east lake of Woods lagoon for the harbor slips.

Most of the objectors wanted to know how final the plans for the harbor were and how long it would be before a harbor would be installed.

Les Ley, chairman of the commission, who presided at the session, explained that the plans were not final in any sense of the word, and were in fact, only a proposal of the state.

"They can't buy a dime's worth of property without matching funds from the county or unless someone donates the land," Ley reassured the worried property owners.

William Weybright, secretary of the commission, reviewed the proposed beaches to be included in the No. 1 priority including Greyhound Rock beach, Santa Cruz beach, Twin Lakes beach, Rio del Mar beach, Palm beach and several other small coves along the coast line.

Robert Klein, Santa Cruz city manager, said that the city council had gone on record unanimously as requesting that the city beach be included in the 1(a) priority instead of 1(b) as it is now proposed. The request also included that the area to be included should extend from Lighthouse point to the east city limits which

would actually include a portion of the proposed Twin Lakes Beach acquisition.

Petroff objected to this on the grounds that the Santa Cruz beach was already owned by the state, and cited court opinions to back up his contention. He said the money should be used for something else, such as improvements along the San Lorenzo river.

Ley told Petroff the commission was not meeting to discuss the title to the beach, adding that as far as the county was concerned, the beaches were privately owned.

Commissioner C. S. Franich said it was the commission's job to classify the beaches, and that everyone could be reassured that the state would check on the question of ownership before acquiring any beach.

McHugh pointed out to the commission that this same argument had been covered a year ago and that finally the proposal to include the beach in the No. 1 priority was tossed out the window when it reached the final decision of the board of supervisors.

In reference to Twin Lakes beach, Allen Simpkins of San Jose offered a protest on the grounds that the state could find another site for the yacht harbor without taking a location that contained homes of a permanent nature.

He said the county shouldn't cater to people who came here only a weekend or two a year, but those who lived here or came down every week. Besides, he added, he didn't think the prospect was economically feasible.

Roy G. Beverley of 111 Eaton street said he and his wife had worked hard to build their home and they didn't want to lose it now. Mrs. Beverley added her protest to that of her husband's.

Orville Yerbury of 60 8th avenue asked that two lots on the west side of Woods lagoon not be included as land that would have to go if the project was approved.

Mrs. Margaret Parker of 345 Lake avenue said that she would object to the proposal until the yacht harbor was assured and the money available for its construction.

Bert Snyder Jr. was in favor of the proposal, stating that many persons had lost land through eminent domain actions in other counties for roads and other public projects and that actually Santa Cruz county residents had been lucky.

In answer to another remark regarding the failure of U.S. army engineers to go ahead with the survey for a yacht harbor begun here some time ago, Franich said that the Korean conflict put an end to the project. It was not because it was not feasible, he pointed out.

When McHugh asked how much all of these proposed acquisitions would cost, Weybright replied that the state felt they would all be encompassed in matching funds received from the donation of the Cowell property and Big Trees park to the state.

Tanner Wilson said that he was in sympathy with the people living in the district, but that now the beach is poorly maintained and the state's ownership would assure better conditions and a yacht harbor would invite people with a higher per capita income.

Robert Beresford, San Jose attorney, told the commissioners he represented the Rio del Mar beach property owners and that they were in accord with the plan to take over the Beach club and the beach providing it also took over Beach drive.

Such an acquisition would assure the proper policing of the road and enforcement of safety rules relative to children and others, he said.

Commissioner Harlan C. Smith, chairman of the master plan committee, said that such a recommendation had been made by the committee and inadvertently left out.

There were no protests regarding any other beaches up for discussion during the session.

## Norma Meidel Named To GOP Central Committee

Mrs. Norma Meidel, chairman of the Watsonville Council of Republican Women, was appointed a member of the Santa Cruz county Republican central committee during last night's meeting of the county's official GOP organization.

She succeeds Fred H. Jenkins, Santa Cruz and Watsonville newspaperman, who resigned from the committee to accept the Watsonville postmastership.

Committee Chairman Harold E. Richey presided at the meeting.

### PAT YODER ON OTTAWA ANNUAL STAFF

Ottawa, Kans. — Patricia Yoder of Santa Cruz a student at Ottawa university, Ottawa, Kans., is a member of the university's annual staff. She is in charge of the yearbook's pictures.

Miss Yoder, a junior, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. A. A. Yoder of 423 Ocean street.