

Bonny Doon Residents May Get To Use SC Dump

Bonny Doon residents have something to look forward to — someday they may be allowed to use the city of Santa Cruz dump.

City councilmembers Tuesday indicated there's a majority vote to let the Bonny Dooners in if the details can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

The idea was brought by the Rural Bonny Doon Association which states that at present residents seem to be using beach garbage cans and the dumpsters

owned by businesses along Mission Street at the north edge of the city.

If they do take care of their garbage properly, it means a trip all the way over to Ben Lomond to the county dump.

Bonny Doon resident Andy Andreasen said that wasn't very energy efficient. He also said that north coast residents would be willing to pay the over-\$6 per pickup charge demanded by the county compared to the city resident's \$1 charge.

Mayor Michael Rotkin said the charge should be higher than the county charges to discourage residents of other areas from using the city facilities.

However, other councilmembers said they feared that excessively high fees could discourage all dump use and result in continued illegal dumping.

Councilman Joseph Ghio said he was opposed to the idea and that residents of rural areas should not expect nearby cities to provide city services.

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However, Councilman Bruce Van Allen said he suspects north coast residents already use the dump and the city might as well reap some rewards by allowing outsiders in at an increased fee.

City Manager Richard Wilson was requested to come up with a method of identification of north coast residents so they can get in the dump and an equitable fee scheduled.

He's to return May 25 with the answers for the council.