

# Hearing on homes with no plumbing

Should homes without running water, electricity, or inside plumbing be allowed in certain rural areas of the county—including the Valley?

County Supervisors considered this question last week and then set April 26 at 3 p.m. as a public hearing to try to decide the issue.

Supervisors are being asked to adopt new Class K housing code guidelines, which would allow such houses as long as environmental and health concerns were met.

The state has given counties authorization to allow such houses if certain guidelines are followed.

About 50 persons turned out for last week's meeting to back the Class K housing code request.

Meanwhile, a court case that helped bring the issue to a head locally was decided last week when Municipal Court Judge John Marlo ruled that it is not unconstitutional for a county to require that a person obtain a building permit for a house.

George Young had been cited by the county for not getting a building permit for a home he built in the mountains near Corralitos.

Young appealed the matter, saying he didn't apply for a permit because if he had it would have been denied because his house doesn't have such things as an inside toilet or electricity.

Young argues that he chose that kind of house because of his lifestyle, and that it is unconstitutional for a governmental agency to deny him the

right to live that lifestyle, as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

Judge Marlo, however, ruled that Young's rights were not violated, noting that the Class K housing guidelines would allow such a lifestyle if adopted by the county.

Many of the 50 persons who attended last week's supervisors' meeting were residents of the Last Chance road area, located in a remote forest area near Swanton and north of Davenport.

There are about 45 dwellings in that area which, county officials say, are illegal under existing county building regulations.

"Most have been built without permits, but are of good quality and can be brought up to present standards with a minimum of effort," according to a report filed with supervisors by county staff members.

The report added, however, that "some of the structures are so deficient that they would probably have to be torn down."

The report said there are other groupings of houses in the county, including the Deer Creek road area in the Valley and the mid-county area.

If the Class K building guidelines aren't adopted by the board, indications are many of the illegal structures will be ordered torn down.

The report said that in some cases, the "method of waste disposal could not be determined."

"At many sites, human waste is excreted into garbage containers," the report said.

"When the containers are full the material is deposited in the ground for composting."

The report said if the board rejects the Class K guidelines,

then "a vigorous enforcement program should be undertaken to bring existing dwellings into conformance, if possible, or abate them."

However, the report also said that this could be costly.

"At a minimum this (to abate the structures) would require the services of an en-

vironmental health sanitarian and building inspector for at least one year; extensive legal assistance from the district attorney's office and-or the

county counsel's office would be necessary as well," the report said.

Barry Vogel, an attorney from Ukiah, represented the

Last Chance road residents at last week's board meeting.

Vogel was also attorney for the Corralitos man that built his home without a county permit.

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