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Morgan said he favored consolidation of the two offices.

Another Cautious Step

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Supervisors Give Faint Okay To Courthouse Swap

The board of supervisors this morning felt there is nothing wrong with adopting "in principle" the proposed land swap with the Santa Cruz urban redevelopment agency at a board meeting next Monday morning.

Realizing the "kinks" can be ironed out later, the supervisors seem satisfied in taking one more cautious step to gaining a courthouse site.

Board Chairman Lewis Nelson, Vincent Locatelli and Walter G. Merrill explicitly stated it is "okay" to go this far.

Architect Burton Rockwell and a structural engineer from his firm will come here Tuesday and see whether the same plan for the west side of the park project can be used for the proposed 10 to 11 acre parcel at the intersection of Ocean and Water street. The tour was planned for this morning, but the pair were not able to keep the appointment.

Nelson said he wants the architect and engineer to take a good look at the proposed pact—which he calls "one sided now"—and see if more points should be added by the county.

Planning to leave on a hunting trip, Nelson will discuss the

proposed agreement this afternoon with Ted MacDonnell, land acquisition officer, for the redevelopment agency.

Nelson, Silliman and Locatelli have pointed disdainfully at the following points in the URA-prepared agreement: restriction setbacks on Ocean and Water streets, and the option clause giving the agency a right to purchase the corner tract if the county does not go through with courthouse plans.

Of particular concern to Silliman and Locatelli is the tentative plan calling for a widening of Ocean street to a maximum of 60 feet and Water street to 20 feet.

Locatelli wants the county to be able to negotiate with the city and state on widening plans. Next week Silliman plans to check with district officials of the state division of highways on plans for widening the streets.

This morning Silliman claimed he is "not quite satisfied" with the county having to give an "extra \$30,000 contribution" to the agency in the deal. Plans call for the county to exchange its 3½-acre site (old Garibaldi hotel) on the west bank, for the 10 to 11 acres, and paying \$30,000 to the agency.

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