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# DeLaveaga Park Accord On Last Lap

The DeLaveaga park agreement is now on its last lap after getting approval last night from county parks and recreation commissioners.

Next step is approval from county supervisors and then final approval from the Santa Cruz city council.

No changes were made in the agreement last night by the county parks group. Only minor wording and retyping remains before it will be in final form.

County administrator Carl Millar said today he expects the agreement to come before supervisors a week from Tuesday. It would not be considered Tuesday "unless someone brings it up as an emergency."

City manager Dave Koester added he will wait until the county board acts on the agreement before taking it to the city council.

Basically, the agreement turns over ownership and control of the 575-acre park to the city. The park has been in joint city-county ownership since it was granted to the agencies by Jose Vicente DeLaveaga, a wealthy landowner, when he died in 1894.

Under the agreement, at least 100 acres would remain in wilderness, George Washington park would be unchanged, and future development would have to be along a city master plan.

Also, the city could not charge any extra fees for county users. Both city and county residents would have the right to use the park and would pay the same fees, if any.

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