

Annexation Annexation Proposals Forwarded

Numerous annexations to the cities of Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Capitola and Watsonville were recommended by Duane Smith, executive director of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFC), at the commission's meeting Wednesday.

Smith said Santa Cruz should encourage the annexation of the expansive area north of the city known as Carbonera Estates and a smaller area west of Western Drive around Meder Street.

He suggested also that Scotts Valley look into annexing Manana Woods, Hidden Glen and the unincorporated area along Lockwood Lane.

For Capitola, Smith recommended the city annex a few small areas of land - the Derby-Trotter area, Melton Street, Sommerfield Avenue and the land between 47th and 49th Avenues at the railroad.

The director said Watsonville should encourage the annexation of the entire Freedom area.

Smith said he was recommending that city councils look into these annexations because these are developed areas which are causing boundary irregularities.

Smith explained that LAFC doesn't encourage annexations of undeveloped properties that aren't experiencing development pressures.

Smith requested that the LAFC city representatives take his recommendations to their city councils. The only way annexations can come about is to have the city initiate them or have a citizen petition LAFC.

There are two ways an annexation can come about, Smith explained. Under the District Reorganization Act, an election must be held if property owners of 25 per cent or more of the land to be annex protest, after a petition for annexation has been filed. Otherwise, no election is necessary and the annexation only needs LAFC approval.

Scotts Valley
Under the City Annexation Code, if there are 12 or more registered voters in the area to be annexed, then an election must be held.

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