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# Scotts Valley Will Attempt Cityhood

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Official steps to make Scotts Valley the fourth city in Santa Cruz county were taken this morning.

A 32-signature petition was filed in the county clerk's office declaring notice to initiate incorporation procedures.

Main purpose of the proposed city is to obtain "home rule" for Scotts Valley, according to L. J. Cardwell, a director of the Scotts Valley Property Owners association.

The association and the Greater Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce are promoting the incorporation, Cardwell said.

Approximately 4000 persons reside in the area marked out for the city, he added. In general the boundaries are as follows: to the Glenwood highway-Bean Creek road intersection on the north; to within two miles of the city limits of Santa Cruz on the south; to Mount Hermon on the west; to the mountain ridge marking the valley on the east.

Almost 10 square miles would be in the city of Scotts Valley, according to County Clerk Tom Kelley.

Kelley said the incorporation supporters must obtain signatures of 25 per cent of the electorate, representing also 25 per cent of the assessed valuation in the proposed city.

If sufficient signatures are obtained, then the matter will be referred to the board of supervisors to conduct a public hearing.

The board would then call for an election of protests from property owners represent less than 51 per cent of the assessed valuation.

Cardwell said he thinks the incorporation will succeed.

Specific reasons for incorporation would be to provide Scotts Valley with its own zoning and help solve water and sanitation problems in the area.

Cardwell said the Scotts Valley residents have no argument with county departments or supervisors. However, he said the county is governed by laws that might be good for one area but then again not for Scotts Valley.

Also, the Scotts Valley people don't want the city of Santa Cruz to incorporate Sky Park airport. He said the city has announced its intentions to annex the airport and, "we don't want a part of Santa Cruz in the middle of Scotts Valley."

The notice of circulating a petition for incorporation will put a freeze on annexation, Cardwell explained.

The property owners' association and chamber will conduct a joint meeting next month to decide if the incorporation issue should be carried further.

Cardwell said in most likelihood it will proceed. A majority of the members seemed to be in favor of it when first suggested a year ago.

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