



Built in 1872, the Palmtag house on West Front Street, between Rodriguez and Main streets, is slated for relocation in November.

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# Palmtag House on the move

## STAFF REPORT

**WATSONVILLE** - The Watsonville Redevelopment Agency unanimously approved the sale and removal of a Victorian house on Front Street at its meeting Tuesday. The Palmtag House, which was severely damaged in the Loma Prieta Earthquake, is more than 100 years old.

County residents Charles and Julie Bowen submitted a proposal for the house which was reviewed by city officials and Ray

Hoffman, president of the Pajaro Valley Historical Association. Their proposal was approved and they were chosen to be the owners of the house and contractors of its relocation, purchasing the house from the city for \$1.

The house should be relocated somewhere within Santa Cruz County by the end of November. It has been on its site, known as the Angelina Zanelli Muzzio property, since 1872.

The site will be cleaned of all debris which will either be recycled or taken to the city's landfill plot, and

the sewage line will be discontinued by the city.

According to the agreement between the city and the couple, the Bowens must submit their schedule of work to the city as well as a written update of their work every two weeks. Also under the agreement's stipulations, the couple must submit to the city's engineer a list of names of personnel who will be working on the site to proceed with the removal.