

Weather Report

Temperature for the 24 hour period ending at 8 a. m. today — Maximum 68, minimum 42.

Monterey Bay Area — Intermittent rain through tomorrow; slightly warmer tonight; small craft warnings for south-east wind, 20-30 knots, tonight.

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Aptos Sewer System Bids Are Well Below Estimate

Two of the three "apparent" low bidders on three divisions of the Aptos sanitation district sewer system came in below the engineers estimate yesterday afternoon.

The board of supervisors (district directors) will not award the contract until the complicated bids have been cleared by the department of public health and the engineer. Board Chairman Lewis Nelson indicated the contract may be awarded next Monday.

On the interceptor line, P and E Construction company of San Jose was low with \$152,932. The next lowest bidder was Granite Construction company of Watsonville with \$158,486.

Engineer Dick Stockman, of the Wilsey and Ham engineering firm, handling the project, estimated a cost of \$267,750.

The other division with a bid lower than the engineer's estimate of \$100,000 is the ocean outfall sewer. R. J. Genofile company of Montrose was low with \$83,479. The next lowest bidder was Granite, \$94,600.

S and Q Construction company of South San Francisco was the low bidder, with \$283,757, for the sewage treatment plant and four stations. The engineer's estimate was \$262,800. Submitting the next lowest bid was North Bay Con-

struction company of Santa Rosa, with \$297,600.

Of a total of 15 bidders, 10 companies bid on the treatment plant and lift stations; six, sewer outfall, and five on the intercept-or line.

On other matters, the board took the following action:

Filed a letter from the Santa Cruz County Medical Society favoring allocation of 16 beds for psychiatric patients in the chronic disease ward. The section is expected to be open next January.

Endorsed Veterans Bond act of 1960, which is Proposition 1 on the June primary ballot. The state measure provides for the issuance of \$400,000 in veterans bonds, which are necessary for the continuance of the California Veterans Farm and Home program.

Col. James Palmer, county veterans service officer, in a letter to the board, pointed out that the county since January has received 37 home loans worth \$93,039.

Passed a resolution awarding the contract for a vibrating compactor to Ricker Machinery company, which submitted a low bid of \$2545. The other bidder was Essick Manufacturing company, with a bid of \$2567.

Approved the application of the San Lorenzo Valley Ridgerunners for a dance permit. The organization will use park hall in Ben Lomond.