

Housing

County Committee To Study Class 'K' Housing

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A nine-member committee to study the implementation of Class "K" housing in this county was approved on a 3-2 vote of supervisors Tuesday.

In a strong dissenting vote, Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat told her colleagues, "My concern is that it is an exercise in futility and I will bet you \$100 that this board will never adopt Class K."

Other board members jumped in to say that maybe

they should bet her and then vote it in to win the \$100.

Class K, also known as the "outhouse zoning" ordinance, is optional to counties under new state guidelines and allows for rural area homes that are owner-built and owner-occupied, to be built in manners outside the Uniform Building Code (UCB).

As a guideline, it has been strongly pushed by the Brown Administration as a possible

answer to energy conservation and low cost housing.

Although Supervisors Gary Patton and Phil Baldwin have expressed support to study Class K, Patton also has expressed concern it would open some mountaintops to development.

The committee will be composed of five members selected individually by supervisors, and also an architect, an owner-builder, a fire chief and a build-

ing tradesman.

Supervisor Cecil Smith voted with Liddicoat in opposition and Chairman Ed Borovatz voted with Patton and Baldwin.

Other action of the board included the following:

HEALTH COSTS -- A transfer of \$8,400 was made to the Watsonville clinic to compensate for its communicable disease program, which primarily because of venereal disease, is costing \$700 a month

more than anticipated.

HEALTH COMMISSION -- The board unanimously established a Public Health Commission to act as an advisory body on county health services.

LAFC -- On a 3-2 vote, the board moved in support of SB 467, a bill to define the spheres of influence decisions by the Local Agency Formation Commission. Voting with Liddicoat against it, Smith said the bill would give LAFC greater power and "it is an unnecessary level of government."

AG LANDS -- A request by Patton that any "land devoted to or capable of supporting an economic agricultural enterprise" be included along with class I and II soils in the county code protecting agricultural lands was held over two weeks for further study.

CODE CHANGES -- Also held over for two weeks was a request by Patton to drop cer-

tain sections from the county code dealing with curfews, control of tattoo parlors and local laws on obstruction of public places.

DENIAL -- An appeal by A. Fittinghoff and J. Latimer against the issuance of a permit for Russell J. Sheridan to add to and remodel a former church-school in the Soquel-San Jose Road area was denied.

COASTAL -- A request by Patton that the board consider letting the Central Coast Commission do the county's coastal-conformance planning was held over one week.

FELTON -- The board approved a request by Borovatz that the Public Works Department look into improvements at the department's yard in Felton. One resident pointed out to the press that its only esthetic value is the barbed wire on the fence that surrounds the yard in downtown Felton.

Live Oak District Looks At Itself

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Trustees, administrators and staff members of the Live Oak School District took a long walk around themselves Tuesday night, as they examined their roles, responsibilities, and changes that might improve their effectiveness.

The training session was led by Gary Bergthold, consultant to county schools on organizational development, and president of the Soquel Union

not really coordinated together very well," as one staff member observed. Another added, "The hands and feet seem to be grabbing in all directions."

With cartoons out of the way, Bergthold summarized that according to the drawings, the board's role seemed confused, being represented as "external and harsh."

That judgment was confirmed by the second exercise Bergthold took the group through, assessing what the board is doing now that is helpful, and what they could be doing. The same

"Sometimes they think they've hired a bunch of nincompoops."

Board Chairman Pauline Poen agreed with several of the requests, and said many of the changes will be instituted by the following meeting. But ill feelings were aroused when board trustees came out with their gripes, and apparently found little, if anything, good to say about the staff.

"There's not much of a relationship between the staff and board," noted Poen, adding that did not include administrators. Trustees complained