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A Review Of 6/25/79 Charter Begins

A citizens committee of about 20 persons began to evaluate a proposed charter for Santa Cruz County Saturday morning, and interim committee Chairman Hal Shores said the group would "really start to evaluate the proposed charter" at its next meeting on July 2.

Shores said about 300 invitations were sent out to invite persons to be on the review committee.

Target date for presentation of the charter to the Board of Supervisors is early August, Shores said. If approved, it would be put on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The proposed charter calls for a massive cutback in some areas of county government, but expanding the number of county supervisors to seven, eliminating of the county administrator's office and combining of the auditor and tax collector offices into the office of finance, as well as many other recommendations.

Shores noted the committee will be looking at a composite of the other 11 counties in the state which have a charter. A committee was selected Saturday to nominate a permanent chairman at its next meeting. The committee is made up of George Sarkes, Bob Rittenhouse, Bob Moreland and Betsy Darrow.