

# Soquel's Frozen Pipes

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Water pipes are freezing all over the place in this un - Santa Cruz - like weather, and coastal dwellers, refusing to believe it can get that cold here, keep calling the Soquel Creek County Water District to gripe that the water district isn't delivering any water.

Manager Bob Johnson reported at Monday night's board meeting the district received 13 such calls during Saturday and Sunday.

In each instance, Johnson said, the district patiently sent a field man to the home to prove to customers the water was flowing as far as the meter, and that the homeowner would have to be responsible for his own pipes past that point.

In other action, Johnson reported on the findings of the United States Geologic Service water survey of the Pajaro Valley which was conducted last year.

Soquel Creek directors were interested in the report because it covers a portion of the district's territory in the La Selva Beach area and because they wanted to know how it correlates with the report on their own area.

Johnson said the report notes the same ground formations identified in this area extend into the valley and that there should be no conflict between valley water usage and proposed future water production in Soquel Creek's area.

Pajaro Valley ground water supply comes from shallower wells than that contemplated for Soquel Creek. Johnson explained, so the two areas likely will not conflict in their water use.

Election results noting a thumping victory for unionization for the district's field employees were reported. The workers voted 12 to 1 to join Santa Cruz Local 365 of the Plumbers, Steamfitters and refrigeration union.

It was reported the district's personnel consultant, Charles Shean, now is preparing a slate of employer - employe rules of conduct and formal recognition of the union cannot take place until the document is completed.

In another move, Board President Ken Izant was authorized to sign a \$12,000 contract for relocation of some 500 feet of water mains in the Mar Monte Avenue sector of La Selva Beach.

The pipe is being moved to make way for a Highway 1 overpass proposed by the state at that location.