

La Selva's tennis dispute—it's deuce in Santa Cruz

A local dispute in La Selva Beach over installation of tennis courts by the La Selva recreation district was aired before the board of supervisors today.

At issue was whether supervisors should release \$4,000 in so-called park dedication fees to the district which wants to apply the money toward purchase of land for the tennis facility. After hearing from opponents of the recreation district proposal, supervisors continued the matter for one week. They said they hoped a representative of the recreation district would be on hand next Tuesday.

The park dedication fees are collected from developers and are to be used locally for recreation purposes. Supervisors Dale

Dawson said he has been told that recreation district directors have committed themselves to purchase the property and have intended to use the \$4,000 in that transaction.

Asking supervisors to withhold the money from the district was Bob Marks, secretary of La Selvas for Sensible Government. Marks said many La Selvas oppose construction of the tennis courts if the project means an increase in the district rate.

When supervisors earmarked \$28,000 in revenue sharing funds for the tennis project, they conditioned their action on a vote by La Selvas to determine if they were willing to increase their recreation district tax rate to cover the local share of the costs.

Marks said he didn't believe La Selva citizens would approve an increase in taxes to pay for the tennis courts and said the park dedication fees should be withheld "because it's all tied together."

Roy Johnson also opposed giving the money to the district, saying that "they'll spend it somehow" even if the tennis project is rejected by voters in November.

Dawson and Cecil Smith said they had concerns about placing conditions on park dedication fees when they were distributed to local recreation districts. That matter will probably be discussed when the whole tennis court issue comes before the board again next week.

In other business Tuesday supervisors:

—Endorsed state legislation which would urge the governor to elevate the food and agriculture department to agency status, with a seat in the governor's cabinet.

—Agreed with Treasurer Bill Murphy that all banks should be able to bid to become the county's "service bank," a role which has traditionally been filled by Bank of America.

—Declared Aug. 1-7 as Children, Artists, Performers Festival Week.

—Appointed Dawn Badger as chairman of the county employment commission.

—Named Celina Andrade Campbell to the commission on the status of women, Ray Sahlberg to the building appeals board and Carlos Rico to the housing authority.

—Continued for one week consideration of applications for Larry Blackwell to build nine two-story homes off San Andreas Road on Marea Ave., near La Selva Beach.