

# *Beach erosion* Disaster Aid Plea For Battered Beach

A request for federal and state aid to a "disaster area" of wave-threatened homes along a 600-foot strip of shoreline between Moran lake and Soquel point went out from the county this morning.

Supervisors backed up pleas from the East Cliff Shoreline Protective association for up to \$90,000 in emergency funds to protect houses along the Del Mar beach, saying the county will contact the state disaster office about federal aid immediately.

At the same time, an army corps of engineers representative said a long-term solution to the sand disappearance problem along the entire coast, from Twin Lakes to Capitola, is now in the works.

Orville T. Magoon, of the army's navigation and shoreline planning section, said construction plans for a \$220,000 sand bypass plant soon will be announced. The bypass plant will send sand around the harbor jetty and down the coast.

"This will certainly solve the problem of the disappearing beaches," he declared. Action to build the bypass dredge will take up to a year, however, Magoon indicated.

Capitola's consulting engineer, Paul Stephenson, and City Manager Ray Abicht, as well as Councilman Anthony Fontes were on hand to hear the army expert and listen to the pleas of residents.

Stanley Lynn, chairman of the East Cliff association, told supervisors that not only has a sea wall collapsed and others threatened, but that the waves

are throwing baseball-sized rocks up the cliff, and some homes are "shaking and trembling" from the water blows. He estimated it will cost \$90,000 for a protective wall of riprap rock in front of homes along the 600-foot stretch of Del Mar beach, where one seawall collapsed last week.

Soquel Supervisor Tom Black moved that the board contact the state disaster office and request aid. Supervisor Robert Burton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## Betsy Death Toll Off

New Orleans, La. (AP).—President Johnson pumped men, money and materials into hurricane-torn Louisiana today as the New Orleans coroner slashed his estimate of the probable death toll.

The White House dispatched \$2 million as a token start toward helping rejuvenate the tragedy-stricken state, where 52 were known dead.

Plans were afoot to convert Louisiana's antipoverty program into a war on Hurricane Betsy. A million dollars was earmarked to put the Youth Corps to work cleaning up the debris.

Sixty freight carloads of surplus foods were sent by the De-