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Soquel Water Board Gets Set For Bond Vote

Directors of Soquel Creek County Water District Monday night wrapped up more details in their steady march toward an Aug. 7 target date for a \$5 million bond election.

They approved fact sheets and folders to be printed, at a cost of approximately \$750, and mailed with water bills to district customers.

They also approved drafts of a letter to be used by a committee which is in process of formation to work for approval of the bond issue which will provide needed facilities for delivery of water to district customers.

It was pointed out if voters do not approve the needed revenue bonds, costs must be financed over a 10-year period, for the first phase of a three phase project, by an increase in water rates.

District Manager Bob Johnson estimated rates will go up by approximately 45 percent, or will increase the average two-month bill of about \$12.50 to about \$18.20. The proposed revenue bonds will be paid off at no increase in the tax rate.

Other matters on the agenda:

TANK SITE — Directors told Johnson to proceed with the purchase of a site for a water tank, to be installed adjacent to the present Mar Vista tank. The district holds an option on the property, but was awaiting soils tests before proceeding with the purchase. Engineering reports said the site is favorable for construction of the added tank.

PROJECTS — It was reported work has begun on the long awaited project to serve the Park Wilshire-Vienna Woods subdivisions.

It was further reported an eight-inch water main on Kennedy Drive in Capitola, which will serve the new McKeon subdivision to be constructed there, has been installed and tested.

Plans and specifications for replacement of a two-inch water main on Viewpoint Drive in Aptos were approved. The project calls for installation of a

six-inch main on Viewpoint from its northwestern terminal to its junction with Mesa Drive. Estimated cost of the work is \$30,000. Bids will be opened on this project at 2 p.m. on June 8 in the district office.

WATER RIGHTS — Directors told Johnson to protest an application for water rights for five dwellings proposed on Waterman Creek. The area will be under water when the planned Glenwood dam is constructed.

MEMORIAM — Directors approved a memorial resolution honoring the late John M. Battistini for his years of conscientious and faithful public service in and around the City of Capitola and more recently to Soquel Creek County Water District, for his wise and patient counsel for his wit, his humor and his loyalty. Mr. Battistini was a district director at the time of his death several weeks ago.

BUDGET — Johnson reported he will bring information on salary schedules of neighboring public agencies to the May meeting, so directors can begin to work on next year's budget. At the request of board chairman Kenneth Izant, the manager also will investigate the costs of the several types of security systems, and will present that information prior to drafting the '73-'74 budget.

BOARD VACANCY — Attorney Robert Bosso told directors they must fill the vacancy created by the death of Director Battistini within 84 days, or the county board of supervisors is empowered to appoint. Chairman Izant asked his fellow directors to consider possible nominees. Names will be presented and discussed in an executive session which will be held during the next board meeting. That meeting, which falls on a holiday, was moved to May 30.