

County Wants To Accept Gift Of Land Parcel

County supervisors this morning indicated their willingness to accept the gift of a parcel in the Boulder Creek area for a new county branch library.

The board approved four conditions to meet demands set by property owner Robert Kuerzell in order for him to dedicate a portion of the one-acre parcel off Highway 9 and West Park Avenue.

Kuerzell has made it clear he wants to build an office facility next to the library and use a shared parking lot.

However there's a serious problem with the land as it sits on a high water table and will not support a septic system. In conditions this morning, the board agreed to have the property go back through a General Plan amendment to determine if zoning can be changed to commercial.

Also, the board partly agreed to a condition set by Kuerzell that the Boulder Creek Library plans be given top priority over a planned library in the Live Oak area.

Instead of exactly meeting Kuerzell's demand, the board designated the Boulder Creek Library as "a high priority" project.

The board did agree with the property owner that a five-year time period for library construction should be included in the land deed.

Discussion this morning gave two members of the board — Supervisor Dan Forbus and Chairman Pat Liberty — the opportunity to chide the city-county Library Board. Library Trustee Vernon Berlin recently accused the county of dragging its feet in accepting the land gift.

Both supervisors said the Library Board should have looked into the facts before getting on the board's back.