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Board OKs Watsonville annexation

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WATSONVILLE — For the first time in 12 years, a piece of land has been annexed to the city of Watsonville.

While the land in question — less than a quarter-acre of unincorporated land near the intersection of Freedom and Airport boulevards — is not particularly significant, the approval Wednesday by the county Local Agency Formation Commission is.

Watsonville City Manager Steve Salomon said Thursday that LAF-CO's unanimous approval "moves us in the right direction" for LAF-CO possibly approving Watsonville's new General Plan and sphere of influence.

The city is currently in the time-consuming process of redoing both plans, which are blueprints for future growth.

Watsonville has not annexed any land in 12 years. The controversial Franich property gained tentative approval a few years ago, but never was annexed.

Wednesday's annexation of the $\frac{1}{3}$ -acre parcel was initiated by property owners Lloyd and Thelma Graybeal. They owned two parcels there: one was within the city of Watsonville and the other was unincorporated county land.