

# Library System's Budget Gets Tentative Approval

Library-Board

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The Library Board this morning tentatively approved a preliminary 1979-80 operating budget of \$1,517,132 for the city-county system.

The budget is \$264,568 higher than the 1978-79 budget of \$1,252,564, a 21 percent increase that reflects salary hikes granted by the Santa Cruz City Council to be paid workers over a two-year period.

Also reflected is the addition of three new positions, includ-

ing the Bookmobile staff, according to Library Charles Atkins.

Trustees directed Atkins to increase the proposed budget for books to an amount at least equal to 15 percent of the total budget. Atkins has requested \$192,500, following a cutback in this account in the current fiscal year to about \$134,000.

About \$890,000 of the total operating budget goes for salaries and fringe benefits, Atkins said.

The trustees' recommendations will be considered by the administration and the budget will come back to them in June for a final action.

Before it becomes official the budget must be approved by the City Council.

Under a joint funding agreement between the city and county, operating costs will be shared on a basis proportional to the circulation in each jurisdiction. County circulation is 67 percent and the city's is 33 percent, Atkins said.

Hence, the county will pay an estimated \$1,016,478 of the system costs; compared to the city contribution of \$500,654.

In another action today, the board members reviewed a policy statement for administration of the library system.

Under the funding agreement cited previously, the system is required to be operated under a policy agreed to by both the city and county.

The county has long claimed there is no such policy and the Library Board is anxious to get one to the county supervisors before the county's share of library costs comes up at budget time.

Trustee Leonard Greenberg termed "the famous agreement" out of date and out of step with the times, and he added, "I believe there is a job to be done to persuade the city and county to do a complete revamping of that agreement."

Chairman Gerald Towner appointed a subcommittee of Joe Thomas, Eleanor Enstrand and Vernon Berlin to study the proposed policy statement and to report back next month.

## More Area Showers May Be In Offing

There is a slight chance of showers through Tuesday in the Monterey Bay Area, according to the National Weather Service.

Stubbornly holding on, the rainy season continues to approach last year's high rainfall. It probably won't make it.

More than an inch fell in many north county area during the weekend, especially in the

mountain areas. Pine Flat Road area received 1.60; Empire Grade, 1.22, and Bonny Doon a high of two inches. Santa Cruz record only .66.

Rainfall reports for 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today and including the season's totals (since July 1) and those of last year at this time, are as follows:

	24 Hrs.	To Date	Last Year
Ben Lomond	.40	49.85	80.10
Bonny Doon	.80	50.72	73.43
Capitola	.32	28.85	34.41
Empre Grde	.36	47.37	79.53
Felton	.50	44.90	54.25
Graham Hill	.50	37.80	54.60
Happy Valley	.40	40.40	52.95
Naturl Brgds	.39	20.70	29.86
Rio del Mar	.21	25.17	34.34
Santa Cruz	.30	29.57	38.24
Scotts Valley	.36	39.35	57.54
Soquel	.30	29.15	37.72

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