

# City Newsletter



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## Water Plant Expansion

Expansion of the Santa Cruz City Water System Treatment Plant on Graham Hill Road is expected to start within four months. The matching funds grant of \$372,000 has been approved by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The remaining funds for the \$888,000 project will come from revenues of a \$9.6 million water bond issue approved by city voters in April, 1967.

The plant expansion is part of an overall water system improvement and expansion project to be financed by these bond funds. The work will include construction of a sedimentation basin, two filter units and continuous sludge removal equipment. Existing filters will also be converted to dual media units to increase plant water handling capacity.

The project is expected to require 15 months work.

## Soquel Avenue Bridge

The engineers have now completed design of the two-lane bridge to be constructed north of the existing Soquel Avenue bridge to carry west bound traffic. Plans are being reviewed by the Redevelopment Agency. It is hoped that the contractor can begin work this summer for completion of the project next summer.

## Proposed Fountain in San Lorenzo River

Some attention has been given to a proposal by the city for construction of a fountain in the San Lorenzo River between the Soquel Avenue bridge and the pedestrian crossing. This fountain would be similar to the one located on Lake Geneva in Switzerland. A proposed restaurant to be constructed in the Redevelopment area has been redesigned and oriented so that the view windows will face in the direction of the proposed fountain. Several difficulties must be overcome before this project can become a reality. Considerable expense would be involved in construction and operation of such a facility and the effect of sprayed water upon the surrounding vegetation, roadways, buildings and other facilities could cause problems.

## Broadway-Darwin to Frederick

The contract was awarded to Granite Construction by the City Council in April. All clearing has been completed and sewer and water utility lines and services are now being placed. A new subdivision is being processed through the City Planning Commission and Council for development of lots along both sides of the roadway.