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**Soquel Water District Plans
May Go Before LAFC Again**

The on-again, off-again annexation of its whole service area to the Soquel Creek County Water District may be on again.

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFC) rescinded its approval of the annexation at the commission's August meeting. Commissioner Ralph Sanson was not present at that session and asked at Wednesday's LAFC meeting if the matter can be reconsidered.

LAFC Executive Officer Ed Hanna said he would ask county counsel if it is proper to reconsider the action.

Commissioner Phil Harry said he also wanted counsel queried on whether the rescinding of the approval was proper in the first place, since it was not preceded by a public hearing.

The whole thing started when the water district decided it had grown to the point it could support itself without taxes and dropped the 10-cent levy it had collected from its residents.

With nothing to lose and a voice in district affairs to gain, several mid-county communities, led by Rio del Mar, hopped on the bandwagon and asked to be annexed.

LAFC in due course approved the annexation, and, since so many communities wanted to join, enlarged the annexation parcel to include the district's entire service area.

Then the water board's directors delayed their own annexation action past the time when newly annexed areas could vote in the district's November election.

Several communities were miffed that they were to be denied a vote, and Rio del Mar and Aptos Terrace sent representatives to LAFC to ask that the commission's approval of the annexation be rescinded.

LAFC did so — without benefit of a hearing.

Since then, some of the communities have said they still want to join the district.

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