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SC Adobe Off State's List

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Who wants the School Street Adobe?

The state might be willing to give it away.

The state park system plan released on Tuesday lists the old adobe as being only of local interest. Bill Cobb of the State Department of Parks and Recreation's planning branch said the new designation means the state will not pursue development of the building and would consider giving it to a local or regional park district.

Although the old building, believed to date from 1810 or earlier, is designated as the Santa Cruz Mission State Historical Monument, it has never been operated as a public visitor facility.

One portion of the building is used as the residence of Mrs. Cornelia Hopcroft, who acquired lifetime residential rights when the state bought the building for \$35,000 from Miss Alice M. Neary in 1956.

Alma Schafer operates an antique shop on a concession basis in the main portion of the building.

The structure was an original portion of the Santa Cruz Mission complex.

Paul Griffith, superintendent of state parks in this area, said the property was purchased by the state with the intention of turning it into a historical museum open to visitors.

Cobb said state development plans are hampered by the one-acre parcel's being surrounded by Holy Cross Church and other private property which the state is not interested in acquiring.

He reported that the state probably would continue to

operate the building on its present basis if no local agency wants to take it over.

Facts of the new developments on the adobe were tangled when some state workers in Sacramento thought it was the restored Santa Cruz Mission the state wants to give away.

Which would have been a neat trick, since the mission belongs to the local diocese of the Catholic church.