

County Okays Cliff Erosion Survey Funds

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Rather grudgingly, supervisors yesterday agreed to go along again with the erosion study of the Santa Cruz county shoreline, to be conducted by US army engineers, at a cost of \$6500.

Total cost of the project has been placed at \$34,000, with the city of Santa Cruz paying \$2000, the state \$8500 and the federal government \$17,000.

H. Ray Judah, who pushed the project during his terms as state senator, appeared before the board yesterday, urging the county's participation in the eight-year-old plan.

The study, which was approved by all agencies, was shelved with the outbreak of the Korean hostilities.

Board Chairman Phil Rowe asked Judah who would pay for the groins, or other structures, if they were recommended at the conclusion of the study.

Judah said the study would take at least a year and a half and that the question would be answered at that time.

Supervisor Frank Clement said that Supervisor C. B. Harts had stated that he didn't think it was advisable to spend the money at this time, with the possibility of having to spend more later.

Harts indicated he had made the statement, but didn't add anything to Clement's remark.

Later he said:

"Well, when we get the facts, we still don't know what we're talking about."

Supervisor Alvin Gregory was in favor of the study. He said the \$6500 was well worth it and that anyone driving along the East or West Cliff drives could see what erosion was doing.

"No other group but the U.S. army engineers could possibly undertake it at that price," he went on. "If something like the WPA, which I hope doesn't have to happen, is reactivated, we would be all ready to go on with the project, after the study."

Supervisor Clement moved the project be approved.

District Attorney June D. Borina said actually no action was necessary as the board's action of several years ago, approving the expenditure, was still a matter of record.

Judah was told to go ahead and authorize the preparation of the contract to be signed by the various agencies.

commissioner, personnel officer and county surveyor.

Approved an order fixing the liability of responsible relatives of old age security recipients.

Filed a communication from the San Lorenzo Valley county water district, announcing the results of an election for commissioners.

Authorized the chairman to sign the plans and profiles of the new bridge across the San Lorenzo river at Boulder Creek, and adopted a resolution authorizing the auditor to draw a warrant for \$1000 to be paid to the state. The money will cover the cost of preliminary engineering and advertising on the bridge job.

Total cost of the project has been estimated at \$75,000 with the county matching the federal aid secondary funds fifty-fifty.

Filed a copy of the application of the C. L. Beltz water system, operating between the Santa Cruz system and the Monterey Bay Water company, asking for an increase in rates from the public utilities commission.

Received a letter from Auditor George S. Kriz asking what the county had arranged regarding payment of postage due claims for parking tickets. The clerk was instructed to inform the auditor the county and city of Santa Cruz would pay the costs on a 25-75 per cent basis, with the lesser amount paid by the county.

Chairman Phil Rowe said a similar plan was being approved by the city of Watsonville.