

## Tennis Proposal

# La Selva Against Courts?

The La Selva Beach tennis court controversy loomed again at Tuesday night's La Selva Beach Recreation District meeting.

About 50 supporters of La Selvans For Sensible Government, a citizens' group formed to fight the proposed courts, presented the results of a telephone poll of residents' opinions on the two proposed courts that would be located at Playa Boulevard and Florido Avenue.

The group informed the district board that out of 396 residents polled, 314 or 79.3 per cent were against the project, 52 or 13 per cent favored the proposal and 30 or 7.6 per cent were undecided.

The group contested the district's own straw poll taken in November that claimed 89 per cent of the residents polled in favor of the concept of having tennis courts. Group secretary Bob Marks said their poll was more accurate because it questioned those on the voting registry, not every citizen, including children, in the area.



The La Selvans for Sensible Government stormed out of Tuesday night's meeting after they discovered that the board would spend \$19,000 for the land where the courts are to be located regardless of the results of the poll, Marks said. Part of the funds are set to come from county recreation funds.

Recreation Director Janet Grossman said the board is committed to buy the land because "we have already negotiated to buy it from two private owners and are negotiating a contract. . . . We can't

pull out because we have a legal commitment to follow through."

Grossman also indicated that La Selvans will experience a 3.8 cent per \$100 assessed valuation tax rate increase in the district this fiscal year (subject to a county auditor's report) regardless of whether the tennis courts are built. That would increase the district tax rate to about 38 cents.

The board approved a final budget of \$76,000, Grossman said, which necessitates the tax increase because of operating costs, salaries and the recrea-

tion program. The budget, Grossman explained, includes the \$28,000 in county revenue sharing funds the district will use to build the tennis courts if the proposal is approved by La Selvans in the Nov. 2 election.

The board of supervisors passed a motion on June 29 allowing La Selvans toll vote on whether they support a tax rate increase for the courts, but Grossman pointed out that the increase has already been included in the budget and residents instead will vote on whether they want to build the courts and want to accept the county's revenue sharing funds.

The board of supervisors Tuesday agreed to give the district \$4,048 toward the \$19,000 land purchase with the stipulation that the land not be restricted to tennis court use.

The district already has received \$5,000 in state park and recreation bonds toward the land purchase, Grossman said, so the residents must put up about \$10,000 for the land purchase.