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Salamander Zoning District Hearing On Nov. 23

Endangered Species

The Santa Cruz long-toed salamander will get another day in court Nov. 23 at a 1:30 p.m. public hearing, following the board of supervisors' action Tuesday in amending the salamander protection zoning district.

The zoning would designate the salamander's breeding ponds and terrestrial habitats, and thus preserve the endangered species from further encroachment. The changes approved Tuesday called for re-

planting of any exposed surfaces in the salamander zone.

The protection district would be centered in the Rio Del Mar area, specifically the Valencia Lagoon bordered by Highway 1, Rio Del Mar Boulevard, Vista Del Mar Drive and Bonita Drive, and the Ellicott Pond area south of La Selva Beach.

In other actions, the board refused to take jurisdiction over W.R. Fischer's appeal of a use permit extension for the Santa Clara County Board of

Education's day use of Quail Hollow Ranch in Zayante. A public hearing for the permit is scheduled for Nov. 3, and upon advice of county counsel Dwight Herr, the board avoided dealing with the question of tax-exemption and educational use at this time.

The board did receive a letter, however, from Santa Cruz County Schools Superintendent Richard Fickel in regards to the use of the Quail Hollow facilities by Santa Cruz County

schoolchildren. He explained that Glenn Hoffman, superintendent of Santa Clara County schools, had agreed to allow Quail Hollow School students and San Lorenzo Unified School District pupils to enter the property for day study trips.

Based on his conversations with Hoffman, Fickel urged approval of Santa Clara County's request for use of the Quail Hollow facilities for outdoor education.

The board also remanded back to the planning com-

mission the question of a stable for two horses in the Bonny Doon area. A new drainage system had been installed, it was reported, that may effect some of the complaints received about Deborah Sears' stabling of the horses. There was also a mix-up in times for the previous planning commission, so the board returned the matter to it for a second go-around.

A long-standing dispute between Wallace Patch, operator of a glass store in Boulder

Creek, and his neighbor, Philip Scholes, also was taken under consideration by the board, and a list of conditions was stipulated with compliance expected within 30 days. With those conditions met, Patch would be allowed to maintain his retail glass shop.

The board also approved two environmental impact report contracts between the Santa Cruz planning department and Lone Star Industries for the company's cement plant in Davenport.

Finally, the board endorsed the construction of improvements to the Santa Cruz City water system, primarily in the major transmission mains and the coast transmission rehabilitation project. Board Chairman Gary Patton, with the assent of the board, stipulated that the endorsement "shall not constitute any consent of the county in committing to an increased water appropriation from the City of Santa Cruz or the various creeks involved."