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Acquisition of the 40-acre Porter-Sesnon property still interests the state Parks and Recreation Department which apparently plans to place it on its 1981-82 schedule of funding.

A group of about 30 residents came to Thursday night's meeting at Aptos High School to listen to the state's plans. Most were from the Pine Tree Lane and Pot Belly Beach area.

General consensus, according to Dick Menefee, area manager of state Parks and Recreation, was for the state to pursue acquisition. However, residents also wanted to know the specific plans of the state.

Menefee, who was represented at the meeting by Jim Smallwood, could not give out that information since a detailed plan has not yet been developed. "The biggest concern is for overnight camping and very little day use," Menefee said this morning. "The specific number of recreational vehicle spaces won't come into play until we get a specific plan."

Some of the Pine Tree Lane residents, while favoring state acquisition, encouraged the state keeping the property in open space.

The Porter-Sesnon property is bordered by New Brighton Road on the west, Borregas Gulch on the east, McGregor Drive on the north and the bay to the south. It is currently owned by the university, but Hare, Brewer and Kelly construction firm currently has a two-year option on the land. A Mid-County community center has been mentioned to be built on the property.

The state Parks and Recreation Department, which organized the meeting, was represented by planner Ken Collier. He estimated acquisition could be around \$2.2 million.

Two other parcels would go along with the Porter-Sesnon property, according to the state. Those would be 4½ acres at the entrance to New Brighton State Beach and six acres at the corner of New Brighton and McGregor roads.