

City Will File Protests On Private Water Applications Pending Action On Projects

A protest to a private application for water rights on the West branch of the Soquel creek was voted by the city council last night, at the request of the county water committee to try to hold rights until a decision is reached on measures to be taken by the city or county for impounding water.

City Water Superintendent Weston Webber explained the city has a filing which is not in use on the Soquel creek. Because the city is not taking water from there now, he said, a protest might not stand. He reported the protest, if it holds, would not prevent the private applicant from taking water from the stream running through his property.

"In view of the current discussion, I think we should look ahead and protect the rights there," Councilman William Davenport remarked, referring to recommendations for impounding projects set forth in a state division of water resources report issued last December.

Councilman Robert Burton expressed agreement that the city should protest the private application in view of the state report, now under study by the city water commission and county water committee.

City Manager Robert Klein predicted more applications will be coming up. Instead of filing automatic protests, he said, he suggested bringing each notice of application from the state to the council individually, so the city fathers will be aware of the situation.

In other actions the council:

Passed a resolution authorizing the water superintendent to construct a water line on Soquel avenue between Morrissey boulevard and Marnell avenue.

Passed a resolution transferring \$4776 from the gas tax fund to the general fund for construction, engineering and inspection services performed by the city engineering department on High street.

Passed a resolution amending the 1953-54 budget by transferring \$1000 from unbudgeted reserve to civil defense department for emergency power needs in the police and fire departments.

Passed a resolution authorizing construction of sewer line extension on Walti street.

Passed a resolution authorizing construction of a sewer line extension to service property fronting on Marnell avenue.

Passed a resolution accepting the right-of-way from Jack McGee for sewer purposes north of Roxas street, between Marnell and Trevethan.

Passed a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a lease agreement with Sam C. Reid for renting space near the wharf for surfboarding purposes. Reid had asked to lease the structure formerly used by the horseshoe club to further the sport of surfboard riding in the Cowell beach area.

Passed a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with L. H. Sutton, leasing property at the city dump.

Approved for filing the city treasurer and clerk's reports for August and September 1953 and the city license collector's reports for December and January.

Restricted unlimited use of the council chambers. Klein said use of the rifle range disturbs sessions in the council chamber, but that if too many meetings were held in

the chamber, use of the range would be so curtailed that it would be practically eliminated.

Approved for final adoption an ordinance abandoning an alley between Sacramento and San Jose avenues.

Accepted a letter from Leo Cardwell thanking the city for its past cooperation and friendliness and offer of help from his experience on construction.

Approved installation of a street light at 314 Jessie street.