

City Mgr. Dave Koester Settling Into New Job

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New Santa Cruz City Manager Dave Koester spent a busy first day behind his desk getting acquainted with Santa Cruz.

After an hour-long meeting with city department heads, during which he explained his basic policies, he addressed himself to the many problems facing a growing city.

He expressed his gratitude towards Acting City Manager Jack Miller, who did "such a good job in keeping a clean desk until I got here."

The most pressing problem facing Koester is the selection of a director of personnel. The civil service commission has submitted a list of eligible men. Koester will start interviewing them immediately.

"I have been studying the city since the first day I knew I was coming here," he said, "but in order to change from an outsider to an insider, one must meet people on the scene and know



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their problems first-hand. I'm glad to be on the job," he concluded.