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# Scotts Valley's Facing Hard Time On Growth

SANTA CRUZ—It's probable that the little City of Scotts Valley will stay little, if the Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission has anything to say about it—which it does.

At a commission meeting here Thursday, commissioners expressed displeasure at what they termed Scotts Valley's lack of "city services" for residents. They strongly indicated they won't allow the new city to expand its boundaries until these "services" are provided.

Commissioner Norman Lezin, City of Santa Cruz representative on the commission, said Scotts Valley did not meet the commission's standards for cityhood and added, "We ought to be able to stop these things."

The commission could have blocked incorporation of Scotts Valley had the commission been formed prior to Scotts Valley residents voting to become a city.

The commission can, however, block any attempt by the city to annex areas.

The commission is made up of representatives from the cities of Watsonville, Capitola, Santa Cruz, and the County of Santa Cruz.

A legal question has arisen as to whether the new City of Scotts Valley should now have representation on the commission.

The Scotts Valley matter came up for discussion as commissioners discussed a list of rules, setting down standards

that will be required for future annexation requests and incorporation proposals.

The commission has asked the cities to present a plan saying what the boundaries of each city should be by the year 1990.

The City of Santa Cruz says its boundaries should meet the present boundaries of Scotts Valley.

Scotts Valley residents object to this, saying it would leave their city no room to expand.

Commissioner Henry Mello, Watsonville's representative on the commission, agreed with Lezin that Scotts Valley should not be allowed to expand without first being able to provide services.

Home development is mushrooming in the disputed land

between Santa Cruz' northern limits and Scotts Valley's southern limits.

Santa Cruz already has an "island" of city land adjacent to Scotts Valley. It is Santa Cruz Municipal Airport, which Santa Cruz annexed last year over the protests of Scotts Valley residents.

**Robert Burton, who represents the county on the commission, said he thinks the commission rules should be written so as to "protect the little man who doesn't want to be annexed."**

The commission, since it was formed last year, until recently brought Capitola's annexation drive to a standstill. Capitola the past few years has more than doubled its size by annexations.

The commission rejected several of Capitola's annexation measures but recently approved a large one.