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County Building Permits Top \$100 Million For '77

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The \$100 million mark in building permit valuations—topped in 1976 for the first time countywide—has been reached in the first three-quarters of 1977, according to statistics compiled by The Sentinel.

County government and the four cities issued permits with valuations at \$106,473,824 from January through September this year—89.3 percent of the 1976 total of \$119,170,750 (which included \$3,732,202 from UCSC).

Housing units permit rate is up 18.6 percent over the average rate in 1976, totaling 2,126 units (about \$81,000,000) in nine months to last year's 2,293 units.

Single units are at 1,638 (about \$70,035,000) compared to the total in 1976 at 1,736, and multiples are at 488 (\$11,765,335) to last year's total of 557.

No three-quarter mark breakdowns were available for the cities from 1976, but the county shows total units at 1,307 to last year's total 986, with singles this year making up 1,103 of the total units, compared to last year's singles at 827.

Santa Cruz city this year has issued \$15,792,238 in permit valuations: 334 total units at \$11,607,352 (estimated because September figures not available), of which 268 were singles at \$9,438,352 and 66 multiples at \$2,169,000. Major commercial valuation was at \$1,325,699. Last year Santa Cruz totaled \$20,957,517 (435 units with 264 of that

number in singles).

Capitola totals \$6,439,373 so far this year, 120 units at \$3,525,759, with 93 of them singles at \$3,148,185 and \$2,373,262 in major commercials. Total for 1976 was \$9,835,941 with 72 units, of which 20 were singles.

Scotts Valley totals \$1,930,978, 18 units at \$1,158,791 of which 15 were singles at \$1,088,291. In 1976 totals were \$6,730,792 with 123 units of which 102 were singles.

Watsonville totals \$13,562,898 with 347 units at \$8,358,757 of which 159 are singles at \$5,133,289. In 1976 totals were \$9,552,590 with 269 units of which 194 were singles.

This year's rate of permit issuance in the unincorporated area of the coun-

ty is following a different pattern than 1976.

The 1977 third-quarter fell behind the third-quarter of 1976 which reached a valuation of \$21,238,079 with 456 units, of which 330 were singles. This year's third-quarter reached \$20,513,669 with 362 units, of which 299 were singles.

First quarter 1976 was very weak at \$9,720,586 and nearly doubled in the second quarter at \$17,219,461.

This year has held a consistent pace through the first nine months, showing valuations at \$22,482,559 in the first-quarter, \$25,752,109 in the second and dropping slightly to \$20,513,669 this quarter in county-issued permits.

Breakdown of locations where per-
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mits were issued, with 1976 three-quarter figures in parentheses, show:

Live Oak, 252 (101); Soquel, 73 (61); Aptos, 332 (243); Rio Del Mar, 5 (25); La Selva Beach, 42 (34); Los Gatos-Summit, 133 (82); Corralitos, 6 (13); Bonny Doon, 47 (60); Watsonville area, 122 (69).

Seacliff, 2 (4); Pasatiempo, 2 (11);

Scotts Valley area, 55 (56); Felton, 30 (40); Ben Lomond, 31 (19); Boulder Creek, 81 (51); Soquel Valley, 11 (11); Seascape, 11 (16); Freedom, 6 (none); Graham Hill, 5 (none); Branciforte, 5 (6); Glen Canyon, 2 (none); Davenport, 8 (4); Capitola area, 1 (50).

Pajaro Dunes, 13 (none); Lompico, 2 (none); Mt. Hermon, 3 (none); unidentified, 21 (28); Santa Cruz

Gardens, none (1), De Laveaga, none (2), and Paradise Park, none (1).

The 1977 statistics show that single family units have an average valuation of \$42,756 and that multiples (duplexes, triplexes and apartments) have an average valuation of \$24,109.

Last year's average valuation for singles was \$43,919.

Market value is 15 percent or more than the valuation, plus the cost of the parcel.

In the first three-quarters, the county and four cities issued around \$11,770,000 in major non-residential permits (mostly commercial), compared to \$2,610,638 for the first three-quarters of 1976.