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Soquel Creek Pollution Counts Down

Water Pollution

Latest pollution counts in Soquel Creek "look very good," Capitola City Manager Ryder Ray told Thursday's meeting of the Capitola County Sanitation District.

Even with a sand dam in place blocking the creek mouth, Ray went on, pollution counts are lower now than at this time last year when the creek was running free.

Probably responsible for the cleaner counts was a tedious piece of detective work carried on by district and county officials to determine pollution sources. Sewage lines near the creek, some of them so old they are not listed on existing maps, were traced to uncover any leaks. Septic tanks in the area were hunted down and shut off, with their owners' home being connected to sewage lines.

At last, that action, coupled with moves against other pollution sources, evidently has paid off, according to Ray's report.

District directors called a public hearing for 10:30 a.m. Sept. 1 in the supervisors chambers on the transfer of a section of Capitola district property to the East Cliff Sanitation District.

The parcel concerned is the site of the McKeon Construction Co. condominium apartment project now under construction at 45th Avenue and Jade Street.

Natural landfall make it more practical for the East Cliff district to serve the property.

In other action, directors approved an emergency expenditure of \$2,236 to replace a disabled pump at the Capitola lift station.