



## County Boundary Shift Only Needs State Signature

A boundary trade between Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties, shown above in part, now only needs the signature of Edmund G. Brown Jr., secretary of state, to become official.

Both county boards of supervisors have approved the shift. The major switch is in an

area along the mountains east of Watsonville. Santa Clara gets 1.21 square miles in Mt. Madonna county park, which it owns but has been paying taxes on to Santa Cruz County. Santa Cruz gets 3.41 square miles, including a future water reservoir site on Pescadero Creek.

The exact boundary between the two counties has been confusingly set as "along the summit of the Santa Cruz mountains," for more than 100 years. A number of other minor boundary shifts are part of the two-county agreement.

The agreement was worked

out by citizen's teams. George Washington of Capitola headed the Santa Cruz County team.

The boundary shift is expected to benefit both counties and solve problems of police jurisdiction, taxation, and even road work. James T. Pott, Santa Clara County public works

director, called it "an all-time record" for boundary shifts since the California counties were set up in 1850.

It isn't, since Santa Cruz County was cut in half to create San Mateo County as part of the "thieving bill" in 1877. Santa Cruz County still remains the second smallest state county.