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# City Council Gives Go Ahead For Doyle Gulch Water Survey

The city council last night authorized signing two temporary right-of-way agreements, opening the way for start of geological exploration to determine feasibility of constructing a dam at Doyle gulch to increase the city's water supply.

At the same time City Manager Robert N. Klein got the green light from the city fathers for closing an agreement with G. W. Hunt, San Jose engineer who directed construction of Lexington dam, to go over the ground covered by Geologist Chester Marliave at the proposed Bald Mountain site on Laguna Creek.

The San Francisco Engineering firm of Brown and Caldwell two weeks ago turned over an unfavorable report on the Bald Mountain site, based on findings of their consulting geologist, who listed 17 reasons why geological factors are against economic construction of a dam there.

Councilman Robert Burton called for another look at the Bald Mountain site by another geologist before the trenches for geological exploration made at Bald Mountain are closed.

He suggested Hunt might be approached to see if he would be willing to examine the proposed site. The council, at that session, agreed to allocate a maximum of \$250 for additional exploration at Bald Mountain, to satisfy Burton so that the full council will be in accord on the important water issue.

Last night Klein said Hunt is willing to spend next Wednesday going over the trenching at Bald Mountain and report his opinion on conditions there to the council for \$100 plus transportation.

The councilmen agreed to that arrangement, although Mayor Patrick J. Freeman observed that Hunt is not a geologist.

With the council's action okaying right-of-way agreements for Doyle Gulch dam site exploration, Brown and Caldwell can proceed right away with their field study into feasibility of putting water impounding facilities for the city in there.

The engineering firm was authorized to start its study of Doyle Gulch, for purposes of compar-

son, at the council meeting two weeks ago.

A third possible city water development proposal recommended by the city water commission for field exploration before any decision is reached on calling a bond election to finance impounding facilities to meet urgent needs to increase the water supply for Santa Cruz, is a combination of two projects on branches of Soquel creek.

Action on proposed purchase of Laguna creek watershed property, recommended by the water commission to preserve an important source of city water no matter where the new dam goes, was deferred at last night's meeting on report from Klein that the property owner, Arnold Baldwin, still is in a hospital for treatment after major surgery. Price negotiations cannot take place until Baldwin's condition improves, he explained.

## Control Brush Fire In San Andreas District

A 75-acre brush and grass fire was brought under control last night at 9 o'clock in Galligan's slough in the San Andreas district about four miles west of Watsonville.

Division of forestry rigs from throughout the county were called to the smoky fire shortly after one o'clock and are still on it today mopping up, fire officials said this morning.

Although total damage was not known, it was learned that a few outbuildings and a barn were victims of the blaze. An unnumbered group of power poles were also damaged.

Smoke from the fire could be seen rising very clearly by witnesses along the coast and a smoggy haze drifted over Santa Cruz late last night. Cause of the fire is still undetermined.

### OPPOSE MERGER

Washington (AP).—A Bonanza Air lines official said today that a merger of Bonanza and Southwest Airways would develop little new traffic on the combined local service route.