Aptos, Soquel Projects Receive Planners' Nod

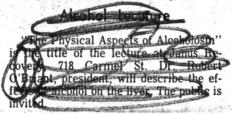
A 30-unit townhouse development in Aptos and a 25-unit Soquel condominium development were approved by the county Planning Commission Wednesday night on identical 3-2 votes.

Both approvals were conditioned on the applicants receiving a guarantee for water service from the Soquel Creek County Water District, which has implemented a water meter connection moratorium because of an underground water overdraft.

That condition will necessitate the applicants going before the Soquel water board for variances to the district moratorium. Neither development was included in the 1979 county building permit lottery, as required under the moratorium.

Commission Chairman Celia Von Der Muhll and Commissioner Mitchell Page voted against both projects. Von Der Muhll cited her long-standing position that "because of the serious water problem, we should not be approving more projects."

The 30-unit Aptos project is proposed to



be called the "Courtside Townhouses." Location is the east side of Aptos Rancho Road, just south of Soquel Drive. Applicant is Jack Metzger.

The Soquel proposal is to be called "Soquel Village Common Greens." It is to be located on the north side of Soquel Drive near Cunnison Lane. Applicants are Harrington and Kulakoff.

On this latter proposal, commissioners changed conditions by deleting six of the excess 16 parking spaces and placing landscaping in that area. Additionally, the emergency fire road was moved back out of the riparian cooridor setback.

Both developments had a 15 percent low- and moderate-income unit clause in them.

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