Shopping Center Work Resumes: After Coastal Unit Okays Permit

APTOS — Construction of the Deer Park Shopping Center at Rio del Mar Boulevard, stalled out by an order last month from the attorney general, was picking up speed again this week on the heels of a new permit from the Central Coast Regional Coastal Commission.

The commission, in a marathon session which lasted until 2 a.m. Tuesday morning, handled dozens of permits in an attempt to get rid of a backlog.

Among them was a request by the Carl Swenson Construction Co. to continue work on the new shopping center.

The company had gotten all necessary permits and had construction under way when the attorney gen-

eral ruled that changes made Jan. 1 in the coastal protection boundary made it necessary for the project to get a further permit.

The Coastal Commission ordered construction to stop. But it allowed some earth moving and other activities to go on in order to prevent safety hazards.

This work was continued until Monday.

Monday night, the Coastal Commission, on a vote of 10-0, approved a new permit for the shopping center.

It is being constructed around the old Deer Park Tavern at the corner of Highway 1 and Rio del Mar Boulevard. The shopping center is being built in a rustic style to tie in with the old tavern and with a big barn which stands on top of a hill,