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Branciforte Water Suit Continues

The city of Santa Cruz Thursday continue its defense of refusing free water to a former Branciforte water line user.

The superior court case between Ethel Bartlett of Bartlett's Isbel Grove and the city is considered by some court observers as a test case of the city's 1956 action abandoning the Branciforte water line and the property owners who claim free water from their deeds.

July 10, City Water Department Director Weston Webber testified for two hours to show cause why an earlier superior court order giving Mrs. Bartlett free water was not carried out.

After taking testimony, Superior Judge Gilbert Perry continued the case until Thursday when Attorney Charles Leib of San Jose will defend the city and Attorney Robert Bennett will argue for the Bartlett interests.

The city argues the old Branciforte line users still have their rights from the main but the city refuses to continue maintenance. The line was abandoned because of high maintenance costs. A parallel line was laid which former users could connect to, but without the former free water rights.

Bennett earlier stated that the city is still obligated to furnish the free water in part because of the riparian water rights deeded over to the city when the Branciforte line was taken into the city's system to take advantage of the Happy Valley dam source.

CIO RECOMMENDS 'NO' ON PROPOSITION 17

Los Angeles (AP). — State CIO leaders, disagreeing with their counterparts in the AFL, have recommended a "no" vote on Proposition 17. The controversial measure would reduce the state sales tax from three cents to two, reduce state income tax in the lower brackets and increase the income tax in higher brackets.

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