

SC Council Considers Water Rationing, Fees

A full bag of problems, issues and questions will be opened for Santa Cruz City Council consideration Tuesday—ranging from new bleachers for the Harvey West baseball field to whether the city will have to ration water this summer because of the light rainfall this year.

The council will hold two sessions in the city hall council chambers, the first starting at 4 p.m., the second at 7:30 p.m. The council will take a dinner break at about 6 p.m. if it follows its usual custom.

The afternoon session includes a weighty consent agenda that can be passed quickly, without debate, unless requests are made to remove items for more deliberation.

This consent agenda includes the controversial bleachers issue, a recommendation that fishing not be banned around the mouth of San Lorenzo River, that fees be lowered drastically for many types of city records in compliance with a new state law, that special rates be continued for the golfing and other recreational activities of senior citizens, that the council require an environmental impact report before allowing a Venetian Water Carnival on the river this summer.

Other major items scheduled for the afternoon session are:

COMMISSIONS - The council will continue deliberations concerning a reshuffling of commissions, committees and agencies for more efficient handling of municipal business. The recent authorization for termination of the design review committee and placement of its function within a zoning board to be formed are part of this reorganization.

TRANSPORTATION - The council will consider a transportation improvement program through which such major projects as widening part of Ocean Street and extending the West Cliff bicycle path might be funded and effected.

WATER - The council will consider a report from Morris Allen, Santa Cruz water director, on the status of the city's water supply. The city has been using its new water diversion station at Felton to pump water from the river to Loch Lomond in the hope of making up some of the gross water shortages created by the drought. Fifth District Supervisor Ed Borovatz, who joined with such

environmental groups as the Save San Lorenzo River Assn. in opposing construction of the station and dam, has charged the city is violating the state-issued permit it has to take water from the river only when the flow exceeds 20 cubic feet per second.

(A Sentinel story Sunday mistakenly stated "the controversy centers on an agreement between the city and the county that the city will allow 20 cubic feet of water to flow over the dam each second." This permit condition was imposed by state water authorities, is the law under which the water station is operated. Any change in the conditions would have to be authorized by the state, for there is no agreement on this subject between city and county.)

Allen has several times told the council that unless conservation measures being encouraged by his department work as well as he hopes they will work, the council may have some hard decisions to make this summer. The term he used as a euphemism for rationing was "involuntary conservation."

ART - The council will consider accepting a sculpture for display on the Pacific Avenue Garden Mall in front of the Integrand Design building. Businesses in this building sponsored a national competition to get an art work deemed worthy for the mall and are donating it to the city, if the city will accept it.

LEGAL ADVERTISING - The council will consider an application by the Peoples Press for some of the city's legal advertising. The application has been under study by the city manager's office at the behest of the council.

LITIGATION - The council will get the bad news it is being sued in three separate actions involving development projects. One suit involves an action on behalf of Harbour View Enterprises against the city for a project at the lower end of Frederick Street, overlooking the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor. The second involves a suit by Gloria Walsh, Ed Davidson, John Woolf, et al against the city for approving a proposed condominium complex by Malio Stagnaro on Second Street. The third action involves a suit by Ronald J. Wickum and Mary M. Wickum against the city for approving a

addition to a single-family dwelling proposed by Seana Mallen for 326 Chestnut St.

EVENING SESSION:

At its evening session the council will consider adopting an ordinance to establish a zoning classification called a "Historic Combining District."



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Two Watershed

The county is seeking applicants for two vacancies on its watershed technical advisory committee.

Positions are available for a biologist from the First (Soquel - Live Oak) District and a public member from the Second (Aptos) District.

Interested persons should submit applications to the coun-

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