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Santa Cruz-Santa Clara Boundary Shifts Approved

A boundary trade between Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties was enthusiastically endorsed by the two county boards of supervisors Tuesday.

Both approved the report of a joint boundary committee which came up with a solution to settle some long-standing boundary questions. Formal resolutions asking the state legislature to change the county lines now will be drawn up.

It also would include a land trade for the mutual benefit of both counties. Santa Clara County wants Mt. Madonna Park, which it owns, entirely within its boundaries. It paid Santa Cruz County about \$10,500 in taxes for the park last year.

Santa Cruz County would give up the 557 acres of the park inside its boundaries in exchange for more than 2000 acres of a future reservoir site on Pescadero Creek in the southwestern-most portion of Santa Clara County. In all Santa Clara County would get 777 acres and Santa Cruz County 2,184 acres.

The various boundary adjustments not only must be approved by the state legislature, but by the landowners in the Summit Road area and other area involved. About 38 per cent of the 51 per cent signatures needed have been gathered already from property owners.

The new boundary would clear up the old vague boundary set in 1850 by the state legislature as "along the summit of the Santa Cruz Mountains."

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