

Lower San Lorenzo-Scotts Valley Zone

Low Tax Rate For Newell Creek Project

A resident of the lower San Lorenzo-Scotts Valley zone will pay a maximum of 25 cents per week for reserving an annual water supply of 500 acre feet in the Newell Creek dam project.

The cost figures have been compiled by the J. B. Hanauer bond company, financial consultants to the county flood control and water conservation district.

Tuesday some 1500 eligible voters will be able to decide the fate of a \$175,000 general obligation bond issue to purchase a 12½ per cent share of the dam project and its water.

The bond issue will be paid over a 25-year period and taxes needed to support the measure will not exceed 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, according to Raymond T. Mills, the firm's public relations officer.

"The tax necessary to support the measure will even be less, since the 25 cent figure is based upon the present assessed valuation of the zone and does not

take into consideration any growth whatsoever," he said.

A person owning a \$15,000 home would have to pay approximately \$11.25 per year in taxes, Mills explained. This will be the only cost to the resident. There will be no front footage charges, he stressed.

These estimates are the maximum the Hanauer firm believes residents will be required to pay. The tax rate is based upon the present assessed valuation and does not allow for growth in the zone.

"Natural growth in the zone will allow for the taxes to be lowered during the 25 year period, Mills reported. "At the end of this period all bonds will be retired and residents of the zone will be entitled to use 500 acre feet of water per year from the dam."

Mills said the 25 cent tax will be sufficient to finance the principal and interest on the bonds.

Voting will take place at four

election precincts from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. They are: Mount Hermon association bible hall lounge (precinct A), Mount Hermon area; Zayante school (precinct B), residents of Glen Arbor, Zayante and Paradise Park; Scotts Valley school (precinct C), residents of Happy Valley (east of the Los Gatos highway), Glenwood, and the Scotts Valley library (precinct D) for residents of Scotts Valley (west of the Los Gatos highway), Bean Creek and Manana woods.

County Clerk Tom Kelley reported that only residents of the zone are eligible to vote in the election.

Salvation Army Issues Appeal

The Salvation Army is issuing an appeal for books, children's shoes and small electrical appliances.

An organization truck will be in Santa Cruz Wednesday to pick up the articles, according to Capt. Robert W. K.

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