

# Step to incorporate Felton area taken

Another step towards possible incorporation of Felton as a city was taken last week Thursday evening.

The executive group of the Southern San Lorenzo Valley Incorporation Fact Finding Committee agreed to proceed and gather facts in order to determine whether cityhood is feasible.

A number of subcommittees were set up with chairmen in the gathering of facts.

First selected by the executive committee last week was a slate of officers for the whole committee and also serve on a steering committee.

Chosen chairman was Norman Clark, who has been serving temporarily in that capacity. He is president of Roaring Camp & Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad in Felton.

The vice chairman is David Weiss, a political science teacher.

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The treasurer is John Stewart, the assistant controller of the Mount Hermon Association.

As to the subcommittees charged with the fact-finding aspect of incorporation, a financial Plan and Budget subcommittee was established with Ron Hartrim the chairman.

Serving on that committee will be Harry Elliott and Weiss.

Ted Toft agreed to chair the police and fire subcommittee. He is the Felton fire chief and resident of Felton for 74 years.

Selected to head the public works subcommittee is Ray Andresen, who is also the chairman of the Felton Sewer Advisory committee.

The legal subcommittee will have Attorney William Card as chairman. Tom Scarinci, a Felton businessman, heads the community relations subcommittee.

Press relations will be handled by Dick Dosker, in charge of camping and personnel at Mount Hermon.

Edith Fikes, the Felton librarian, was tapped for the job of historian.

There was a boundaries committee also formed. Nick Pagnini is the chairman, assisted by Weiss, Ted Rolff and Mike Sinnott.

The general public will be asked to take part in the fact-finding task.

A steering committee will direct the fact-

finding operation. This is composed of the new committee officers, the subcommittee chairmen and Rolff, Sinnott and Elliott.

The first area of study will encompass the present Felton Fire Protection District. It was expected, however, that areas outside, but contiguous, to this area will also get some study in the fact-gathering project.

The incorporation idea was sparked by a move to have property on the eastern slopes of Felton annexed to the city of Scotts Valley. Called Sand Hill Property, the area was to be developed by Rene Deane of Santa Cruz and calls for up to 1500 housing units, a convention center, clubhouse and 18-hole championship golf course.

The issue recently came before the Local Agency Formation Commission and was turned down.

It is thought, that Deane will now attempt to work with the county in realizing his development project.

The Incorporation Fact Finding Committee has prepared a resolution in regards to self government. It states that the natural "bowl" formed by the southern San Lorenzo Valley and surrounding watershed should continue to be preserved as a natural entity, and that "the citizens of said Valley area

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