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# Supervisors Will Review Gas Tax Plan

A report on the gasoline tax measure the county hopes to put on the November ballot will be given to supervisors when they meet Tuesday beginning at 9 a.m. in Room 525 of the County Center.

Supervisors Tuesday also will consider the design of the second phase of the Water Street Jail, changes to the county's environmental impact report guidelines and the 16-lot Plum Hill residential subdivision proposed for Parker and Meredith drives in Watsonville.

Supervisors are seeking approval from city councils throughout the county for the two-cent per gallon gasoline tax that would be charged at gas stations countywide. Money collected by the tax would be used by the county to repair storm damage to public roads and some of the money would be returned to the cities.

The Capitola City Council is the only council so far to give unofficial approval to the tax. The Board of Supervisors and all four city councils must approve the measure by July 27 in order to get it placed on the ballot.

The design for the second phase of the new jail includes room for 138 beds, psychiatric infirmary and mental health offices, a court transfer area, additional visiting space, a court support area, expanded laundry and storage area and inmate worker housing.

The changes to the county's environmental impact guidelines are on the consent agenda, thus not requiring discussion by supervisors. They include exempting the closure of a public school, specified mass transit projects and residential projects pursuant to a specific plan from the environmental review process.

The Plum Hill residential subdivision proposal that will be considered by supervisors Tuesday has created much controversy in the neighborhood surrounding the proposed subdivision. Residents particularly are concerned about county requirements for a park in the area.