

Valencia Hall gets reprieve

Historic Valencia Hall, the last remaining building from the lumbering community of Valencia, was acquired Tuesday by Santa Cruz County supervisors.

The board accepted a deed for the building itself from the Valencia Farm Bureau, which has owned the building since 1933.

And condemnation proceedings for the land the building stands on were begun, a step designed to prevent possible demolition of the historic hall.

Under the 1933 deed, the holder of the land had the option of serving the Farm Bureau with a 60-day notice

that the building must be removed or demolished. That notice was given in November and Tuesday was the last of the 60 days. The board action will put the 60-day notice in abeyance until the condemnation action is resolved.

The estimated cost of the purchase of the land is \$2,500, according to supervisor Dale Dawson, who put the action together.

Dawson said the hall, which has been used for a century by county organizations in the rural Aptos area, will continue in use as a recreation and meeting location for a 4-H Club and other organizations.