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Water district storm brewing

A storm is brewing over the delay in annexing new areas to the Soquel Creek County Water District.

Ken Izant, chairman of the district board of directors, received protests this week from the Aptos Chamber of Commerce, the Aptos Terrace Improvement Association, and the Rio del Mar Improvement Association.

The letters all protested the action of the Soquel Creek directors last week in putting off any action on annexing new areas to the district until they can tour the district boundaries. Date of the tour was set for Sunday, Aug. 22.

The three organizations protested that this delay will make it impossible for the proposed annexations to take place in time for residents to vote for directors in the district's Nov. 2 election.

Areas set for annexation include Aptos, Rio del Mar, Seacliff, Aptos Terrace, and Vienna Woods-Park Wilshire.

The Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission

at its July meeting approved annexation of these areas to the water district. They are already served by the water district. Improvement associations in the various areas had requested the annexations. They were supported by the district.

H. T. Dodds, acting district manager while Manager Robert Johnson is on his vacation, confirmed a report the letters had been received.

He said the three organizations asked for an emergency meeting prior to the next regular meeting of district directors at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

However, Dodds questioned that there was any chance at this point for the new areas to be annexed in time to participate in the voting.

He said he believed that the end of last week was the latest for this purpose.

In order for district residents to participate in the Nov. 2 election, they would have to be in the district 54 days prior to that date. The board of directors must hold a public hearing in order to annex new territories, and notice is

required for the hearings.

O'Brien Riordan, of the Vienna Woods-Park Wilshire Improvement Association, said that members of his group are also concerned about the delay in the annexation.

He had scheduled a meeting of the association board of directors

for Tuesday night to ask them to back the position taken by the other groups in favor of an early public hearing on annexation.

O'Riordan noted that two positions on the board are to be filled in the Nov. 2 election: those of Izant, a Soquel resident, and James McLachlan of Capitola.