

Live Oak park program gets go-ahead from county board

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SANTA CRUZ — The Live Oak parking program, in which weekend beachgoers in the summer must buy parking permits, will continue this year and become a permanent fixture.

Supervisors Tuesday unanimously approved continuation of the program which has operated over the last two summers on an experimental basis.

It may even start earlier this year, with supervisors directing the Public Works Department to return with a proposal for a spring starting date.

Peter Radcliff of the Schwan Lake Neighborhood Association urged an earlier starting date than in past years to take care of those crowding the beaches because of "spring fever."

Due to the success of the Live Oak program, supervisors plan to consider similar programs for the Bonny Doon-Davenport coast and for Rio Del Mar, possibly next year.

This year's program in Live Oak will be almost identical to the 1982 program. One slight change, besides a possible earlier starting date, is the expansion of the permit area to 14th Avenue north of East Cliff Drive and between Fifth and Ninth avenues, north of Carmel Street to Dolores Street.

This small expansion will take care of some spillover parking problems.

The general boundaries of the parking permit area are from the Small Craft Harbor at 5th Avenue east to Moran Lake near 26th Avenue. Northern boundaries run along East Cliff and Portola drives, except for the northward extensions to Dolores Street and to 14th Avenue.

The hours when permits would be required are being

reduced slightly over the 1982 program. It's planned for permits to be sold between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, compared to between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the 1982 program.

The Public Works Department also has proposed that the county purchase a van to act as a mobile office rather than renting an office for the permit program.

The 1983 program will be partly funded by a \$65,000 grant from the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The remaining \$15,000 cost of the program will be raised through permit fees.

Another slight change over last year's program will be that there will be one basic permit form. In the past, there have been several types of forms.

The various types of permits include resident, non-resident owner, visitor, annual visitor, guest of resident, business and employee.

Exemptions from permits are given to customers of area businesses, the handicapped, those attending to commercial and governmental services and to those attending one-day events.

Residents, non-resident property owners, business owners and employees of businesses in the area are given a limited number of permits for free. Extra permits, over the amount given for free, can be purchased for \$10.

Those visiting the area can either order permits by mail or can purchase them from vendors in the parking permit area.

The cost of permits is \$3 for one-day visitor permits, and \$20 for annual permits. A \$25 fine is charged to those without permits.

In March, supervisors are scheduled to consider the ordinance and resolution amendments needed to start the 1983 program.