

SCAT's Live Oak pool, RV complex gets tentative OK

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The Santa Cruz Aquatic Team's plan to build a recreational vehicle park and swimming pool in Live Oak came within one step of final approval this morning.

Santa Cruz County Supervisors tentatively approved an agreement in which the Seaside Company (which operates the Boardwalk) will operate the RV park. Some language of the agreement must be revised; those revisions will come back next week for the board's final consideration.

The Seaside Company's participation includes a \$400,000 capital expenditure for building the RV park. Without that money, the Aquatic Team would have had to raise the funds itself or scuttle the project. The total investment for the RV park is \$650,000; the remainder is coming from a loan from the state.

The 122-space RV park will be built on 15 acres of county land on 17th Avenue at the

railroad tracks. The Aquatics Team will operate the park (through the agreement with the Seaside Company) and use the profits to build a swimming pool. The Aquatics Team has agreed to maintain at least 25 percent of the swimming pool area for public use 300 days a year.

The agreement calls for the Aquatics Team to pay \$20,000 a year rent to the county.

The Seaside Company's initial investment amounts to an interest-free loan to the project. The payback for that money will start in the seventh year of the project and go through the 20th.

Supervisor Gary Patton went over the agreement item-by-item today, questioning whether the Aquatics Club should have two years after the RV park goes in to build the pool.

That defers the pool for an extraordinarily long time, said Patton, noting that if the park goes in next spring as scheduled, the pool won't be ready until 1988.