

Flood Prevention

Feasibility Of Soquel Creek Dam To Be Discussed Tomorrow

A feasibility report on the proposed development of Soquel creek dam will be submitted to the advisory committee of the county flood control and water conservation district at its meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the board of supervisors chambers.

The proposed venture calls for full development of Soquel creek with a dam and reservoir near the confluence of the east and west forks of the creek. Compiling the report is Creegan and D'Angelo engineering firm, consultant to the county.

Water rights, the dam and reservoir would be owned by Santa Cruz county, according to the plan.

The study is being jointly financed by Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, with the cost not to exceed \$16,000.

Engineer Elmer D'Angelo explained this morning that the report will cover only the first phase of the study, but there will be enough information for the advisory committee to decide whether to go ahead with the project. Included in the report will be the project yield,

hydrology studies, a review of the water rights and a determination of fish releases.

Development of Soquel creek is not a new idea. A few years ago Santa Clara county filed an application with the state for permission to divert Soquel water to its own uses via pipeline or flumes through abandoned railroad tunnels.

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