

Piñonertown water system survey OK'd

By TINA MAY
San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO — County supervisors will vote Monday — the about 20 Piñonertown residents who came to a hearing to protest proposed construction of a new water system here — or the 20 petition signers who asked the system.

After hearing a number of opposing views, Supervisor James Hamilton joked, "why don't you just shoot it out!" Some pro-piñonertown residents responded good-naturedly that Hamcock's idea was a "joke."

In the end, however, the board voted, and the residents present agreed, that the county should send a letter to every property owner asking whether the supervisors should take the necessary steps to construct a public water system for Piñonertown, a community southwest of Hemet.

"Such a system would be financed by a bond issue," he said, "and the system would be operated and maintained would be paid by monthly charges to each user."

The 20 petition signers represented about two-

thirds of the town's registered voters, officials said.

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Special District Director Ar Reid said the existing water system in the town is a shallow well that produces about 25 to 32 gallons per minute.

The well's owner has never given the community a permit to use it, he said, and the leaking pipeline is "underused and underdeveloped."

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Phasing of mail OK'd

BARSTOW — The Redevelopment Agency Monday directed its staff to negotiate an amendment to a contract with Downtown Barstow, Inc., to permit phased construction of the proposed \$300,000 Main Street terminal.

Builder Joe Gee is allowed to reconstruct that is far to both parties, and don't want to see the corporation sell off this land."

But the City Council, which serves as the agency's board, expressed concern Downtown Barstow, Inc. legally could sell part of the project land if the entire 150-foot frontage were granted without restrictions.

Said Mayor Barney Keller: "The agency is interested that the project be done. I would like to see the staff and Mr. Gee get together, and provide some assurance it will be completed and the remaining land will be sold off."

He said he has no prospective tenants, but said "we're willing to gamble" with the east part of the project.

It would represent an investment of about \$300,000, but Gee estimated he would put more than \$100,000 into remodeling an adjacent structure.

He said limited demand for retail stores, coupled with high interest rates and construction costs, make development of the entire mall economically infeasible.

Field has said previously that a proposed one-time fee of \$122 would need to be levied on the 300 prop-

Edison, state reach agreement on water

By ELLEN GONZALEZ
Los Angeles Times

DAGGETT — Agreement on one word has ended a dispute between the California Energy Commission and Southern California Edison over a proposed coal gasification plant here.

Both agreed during a workshop in San Bernardino that the water table here is being "significantly" lowered, and that one more power plant at Coalwater, Edison's project complex, would have little effect on the situation.

The use of the word "significant" had been the center of the argument between the commission and Edison, a dispute that has delayed final hearings on the coal plant at least a month.

The commission staff had said Edison's power plants here have caused a significant contribution to the depletion of the water table. The coal-fired plant would add to the depletion of the area's

problem, staff members said.

Edison attorneys argued that the use of the word "significant" was subjective. Both parties were in the process of filing legal briefs to be presented to energy commissioners.

Commission staff agreed Friday with Edison representatives that the power company isn't the only reason Daggett's water table is low.

"Our hydrologist argued it out that the entire area was getting less flooding from the Mojave River, resulting in lost recharge for the water supply," counter-commissioner Christopher Edison said Monday.

"Everyone agreed that there was a significant decline in water at Daggett, but that it was being created by activities other than surface pumping." It was not far from what Edison's plants were responsible for all the depletion of the area's

College trustees eye major facelift plan

BARSTOW — Barstow College may get a major facelift if trustees tonight approve more than \$400,000 for remodeling the student center and moving mobile classrooms on campus.

President J.W. Edwin Spear Monday described the current student center as a "barn," and said original plans to remodel the building were tabled when Proposition 13 passed in 1978.

Spear said the 10-year-old building "needed remodeling the day it was finished."

He has estimated that refurbishing the center will cost the college more than \$270,000, at least \$71,000 more than originally budgeted in 1978.

Improvements would include a larger student lounge and eating area, Spear said the theater section of the complex would be expanded. In order to prevent disturbances during student performances.

The college's small darkroom, located in what used to be the center's throwaway room, would be relocated to another spot on campus.

"We're basically trying to make the place more attractive and more useful," he said.

"The center was built when the college had visions of grandeur," Spear said. "The kitchen is built to feed 2,000 people at one time. There's just a lot of wasted space."

Remodeling work would begin in November. Spear is also asking that the board agree to \$130,000 for a 3,200-square-foot modular building that would house student body offices and the college book store.

The building would help alleviate the classroom shortage on campus, he said.

Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the college board room, 2700 Barstow Road.

Morongo agency seeks to expand boundaries

By JOAN REILEY
San Bernardino

YUCCA VALLEY — The Municipal Advisory Council here has learned the Morongo Valley Community Services District still is interested in extending its boundaries to Yucca Park by annexation of two parcels.

The information was contained in a letter to the district sent to the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission.

Fire Chief C.L. Gibb told the council at its meeting last week boundaries between Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley "needed cleaning up."

The council voted to send letters requesting financial projections from local public and private utilities to help determine franchise income for William Miller's jetco feasibility study at Wednesday's meeting.

Jim Scholer, reporting for vacationing Parks Director Larry Harris, said there was enough interest in winter softball to schedule games.

Because of the problems with the ballfield lights which interfere with movies at the Sky Drive-In, start of the softball season has been postponed to Oct. 4. Gibb reported the new fire truck, promised in October, will probably be received in January because of the bankruptcy of the original firm.

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Planning meeting on Sunburst Avenue. The principal topic of discussion will be the planning plan proposed by the area Planning Committee. San Bernardino County will meet at 7 p.m., Oct. 9, Planning Department. The public is welcome.

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