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LATEST NEWS: San Rafael to pull out of the Countywide Regional Park District --- will attempt to float its own bond.

The County Regional Park District is just now being formed. Their proposal is to tax all in the County at about 10¢ on the \$100, to yield about \$750,000 per year. The money would be used solely for the acquisition of open space throughout the County.

Monday night, June 19th, our City Council voted 5-0 to have San Rafael withdraw from the County effort and go the open space route alone. The City set Sept. 19 as election date on a \$2.3 million bond issue requiring 2/3 voter support. The bond issue would add 10¢ per \$100 assessed valuation into the City tax rate. The money would all go toward purchase of San Rafael open space currently threatened by development.

The hitch is: Can a bond pass at this time with 2/3 voter approval? That is doubtful.

Also, should the city of San Rafael secede from the Countywide program (or anything else)? What are the ramifications for the rest of the county? We might possibly be selling them out since San Rafael is the largest and richest of the 11 cities in the county.

Also, the Council has negated an opportunity for the people to make these important decisions for themselves. You do not now have a choice of either the city or the county plan. The Council has decided what you will do.

On July 12 at the Local Agency Formation Commission (L.A.F.C.O.) (Civic Center - 8 p.m.) meeting, the S.S.P.P. will support vigorously the County Regional Park District and oppose the attempt of the city of San Rafael to withdraw. This session of LAFCO is critical!!