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Attached is a clip from the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.
Apparently FOM is warning up the county "fathers" to put
pressure on AEC to hurry up its deliberations.

The photo of the model site was carried widely in Bay Area
newspapers without coverage on the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Attachment:

Santa Rosa Press Democrat, 6/20/64

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MODEL OF BODEGA HEAD SHOWS PG&E PLANS FOR RECREATION, PARK DEVELOPMENT
'Preliminary Plan' Unveiled Yesterday Before Sonoma County Supervisors

Bodega A-Site Park Plans Told by PG&E

Preliminary plans for recreation and park development on nuclear power plant site property on Bodega Head were unveiled yesterday by Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

The action was before Sonoma county supervisors, who have issued a use permit for the plant that gives the county some control over landscaping plans.

Utility spokesmen made it clear that what they propose hinges on getting a permit from the Atomic Energy Commis-

sion to build the controversial power plant.

And their planning so far is only "preliminary" and "general."

At that, the proposals bourn high praise from some of the supervisors.

And a comment from a Division of Beaches and Parks spokesman that it is a "good plan" and a "very reasonable substitute" for state ownership of the tip of the headlands.

The Park spokesman, James E. Warren, raised the possibil-

ity that the division might operate the facilities as part of the state park system when and if they are completed by the utility company.

AEC Hearings Urged

Presentation of the recreation plan stirred Supervisor Leigh Shcemaker to suggest that the board speak "as one governmental entity to another governmental entity" and tell the AEC to "get off this political stall" and conduct the final

hearings on the power plant proposal.

That, countered Supervisor E. J. (Nin) Guidotti, is "none of our business," and headed off the proposed government-to-government directive.

The company's proposed plan was described by Edward Ross, supervising engineer of the PG&E engineering department. Mr. Ross said the ocean side of the 225-acre property is "the most spectacular" and the view from the edge gives the viewer a

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Bodega A-Site Park Plan Described to Supervisors

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 "feeling of magnificence" of the site.

The nuclear plant would occupy only about 25 acres of the total, he said, while the remainder will include picnic facilities, view areas, hiking trails and plantings.

Traffic Control

Auto driving will be limited to access roads to view points and such, Mr. Ross said, and added that roadside fencing to cut traffic may be installed in the near future.

Free access to the headlands has resulted, he said, in some damage to the terrain from vehicles already.

The development was planned by consulting planner Prentice French, San Francisco.

PG&E representative Kenneth Diercks said while the company will continue planning on the site, "we won't go back in motion" until an AEC permit for the plant is granted.

State representative Warren outlined the possibilities that the state might control the lands through a lease or some other mechanism, possibly with a "corridor" connecting it to Sonoma State Park to the north. Bodega Head's "unique terrain" does deserve consideration for public protection and public use.

If Beaches & Parks doesn't have "a park as such on the head . . . this plan is a very reasonable substitute for it."

If state park bonds are passed at the November election, he said, the state might then be

able to add to the facilities on the headlands if PG&E goes ahead with the proposed plan.

Prather Commends

Planning Director John Prather said the "company should be commended for its action" in proposing to make the area available to the public.

Administrator Neal D. Smith recalled what he saw at a recreation conference in Hawaii earlier this year, and said in the islands public and private efforts have been made to "make real advantage of the natural attributes of the area . . ."

While in California "we've got a long way to go," he predicted that the nuclear plant plus utility, county and state development will make Bodega Bay "an

attraction that will bring people from a long way . . ."

The administrator added that he thought the "publicity" received by Bodega Bay during the long controversy over the plant might also be a long-run advantage.

Supervisor Guidotti, expressing praise for "this progressive company," said the plan for public access to the headlands is "not new." He described seeing a Division of Beaches and Parks survey of the headlands (when it was planned as a park) that indicated PG&E wanted to acquire the headlands for a plant and would open it to the public.

The company, he said, was "not doing this to get favorable public attention," but rather is part of the company's system-wide policy.

Mr. Guidotti also said that while he would oppose official board action aimed at the AEC, he intends to try to get an interview with AEC Chairman Glenn Seaborg later this year

"not to tell him what to do . . . but to talk to him . . ."

One of the reasons for the large site on Bodega Head for the power plant is so the company can meet AEC "exclusion area" requirements. This, the company says, means that they have to be able to clear the area in case of emergencies—thus the recreation plan designed for mobile uses such as picnicking and hiking.