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## **Home Ownership in Scotia Getting Closer**

First time private home ownership in the former company-owned town of Scotia is one step closer today after action taken last night by the Scotia Community Services District (CSD).

The Scotia CSD Board of Directors unanimously approved an Asset Transfer Agreement between it and Town of Scotia Company, to assume ownership and control of the Scotia wastewater treatment plant and drinking water distribution systems, as well as other civic and utility facilities in Scotia.

“With acknowledgement of this key agreement, Scotia’s new local public agency – Scotia Community Services District – now assumes active oversight, operation and management of utilities and civic governance,” Town of Scotia Company President Frank Bacik said.

“These are the services generally provided by city government in larger communities,” Bacik said. “Throughout California, however, Special Districts provide these important services on a smaller scale, and there are far more Community Services Districts than there are cities,” he added. Garberville, Phillipsville, Loleta, Hydesville, Shelter Cove and McKinleyville are all examples of local CSDs.

In addition to the wastewater treatment and drinking water supply facilities, the agreement reached on April 27<sup>th</sup> includes transfer of ownership of certain (non County-maintained) streets, street lighting and storm drainage infrastructure, as well as priceless historic community assets, like the Winema Theater, the Scotia Museum, popular parks and recreation facilities, including Fireman’s Picnic Park, Carpenter Field ballpark, the Scotia soccer field, and the Eel River Riparian area known as the Scotia Community Forest.

“The California Bureau of Real Estate (BRE) must issue a Final Subdivision Public Report for Phase 1,” Town of Scotia Real Estate Marketing Director Doug McCorkle said, “before home sales can be finalized in Scotia.” Currently four of the 40 homes for sale in Phase 1 (a neighborhood called The Redwoods) are in escrow awaiting final closure. Available homes range from the mid \$100,000 range to slightly over \$200,000 for a two bedroom, one bath up to a four bedroom, two bath, both with and without garages.

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