

Assessors Rebuff 3 Proposals

Morro Bay

San Luis Obispo county

A proposal by Los Angeles County Assessor Phillip Watson that all officials now under questioning in the tax assessment scandal either resign or be suspended from the State Association of County Assessors has been rejected by the organization's executive committee.

At a two-day meeting here, the 13-member executive board concluded that the tax investigation has not produced any formal charges and that assessors, like ordinary citizens, have the right to due process of law.

Another Watson proposal—that the executive committee—co-operate with the Attorney General's office in the investigation as Watson's office is doing—met with a "pledge to continue our co-operation with authorized investigative authorities."

Watson also suggested that the annual convention of the association in October be canceled because of the statewide tax investigation.

This was rejected because the annual conference is required by the State Code of Civil Procedure.

Harvey E. Boller, Ventura county assessor and president of the Association, announced the organization's legislative committee will draft proposals for State "registration and control" of all private tax consultants.

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