Stand Firm On Easement

Planners OK Home Overlooking River

Dr. John Kanthas last night got a County Planning Commission permis-
sion to build a new home 25 feet from the bluffs where overlooking the
American River but he was turned back in an effort to avoid granting the
county an easement for a riding and
hiking trail across his land.

He apparently was successful, how-
soever, in keeping a requirement that
he deed to the county property from
the top of the bluffs to the perimeter of
the river front of part of the Ameri-
can River Parkway!

Kanthas had appealed a denial of his
request to set the home to be located
on the west side of the town between
Bidwell Avenue and Hysted Road, 25 feet from the bluffs edge
rather than 100 feet as required by law.

Inverted Easement

The commission granted the appeal
but denied his subsequent request to
defer the decision to the future.

A proposed trail would be required but the

Inquiries

Kanthas, through attorney Richard
Benson, maintained the two condi-
tions were unnecessary and perhaps
illegal. Deputy County Counsel Ro-
ald Massey countered that the decision
probable was an improper means
to attack but maintained the easement
requirement was proper
and legal.

Skeins indicated the decision
would be appealed to the Board of Su-
pervisor and probably to the county
if necessary.

In another action, the commis-
sion approved rezoning to serve 129 acres in the county in the
Chico Heights area and 58 acres across the county line in the City of
Browns.