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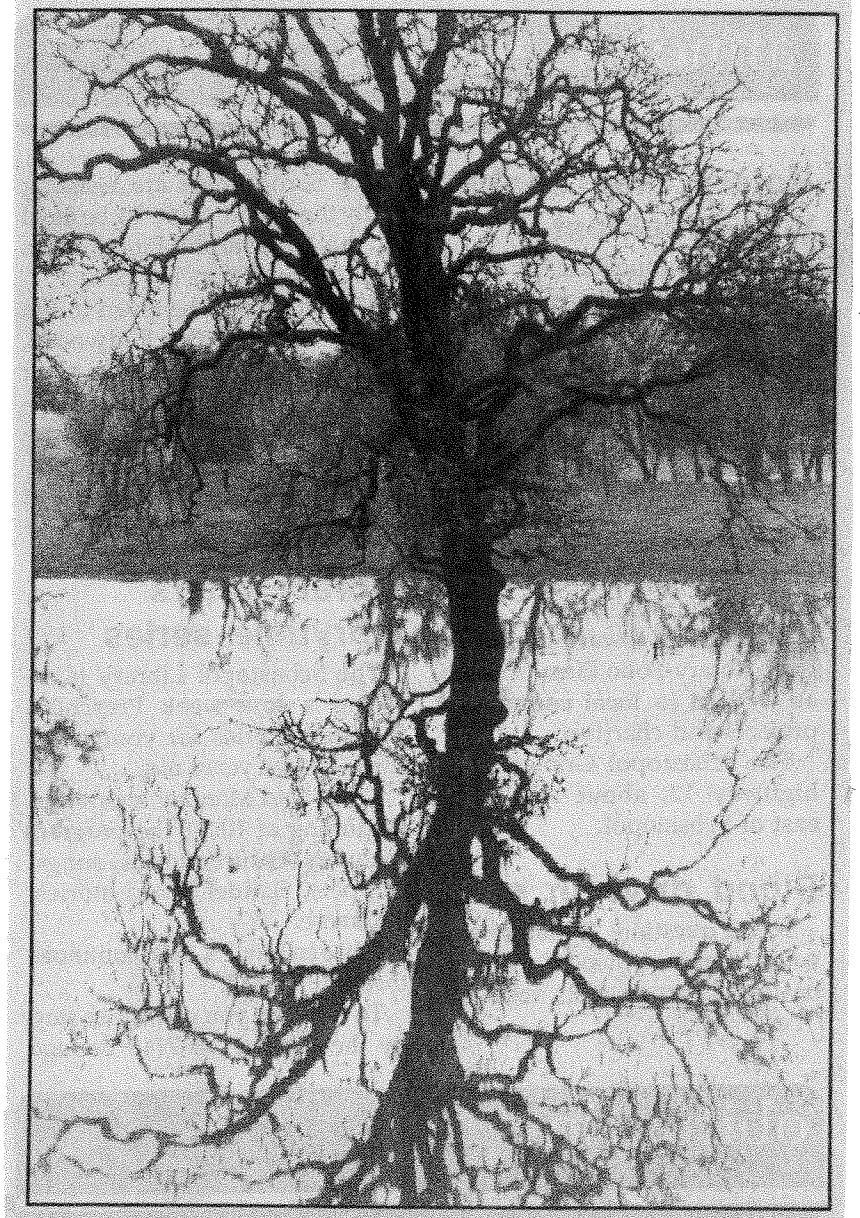

VALLEY OAK ON THE BANKS OF THE LAGUNA — "Nature never did betray the heart that loved her." — William Wordsworth, from *Tintern Abbey*. (Times & News photo by John H.K. Riley)

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Fish and Game wasn't sure. He thought that perhaps the EPA report might make construction requirements in the floodplain stricter control of permits by the Army Corps of Engineers.

No one could tell exactly what the impact of either report would be for sure, so the committee decided to proceed as planned.

The next question: who was going to be the lead agency? Cox thought it should be the county, Vilms the city of Sebastopol. The federal government was mentioned as a possible lead agency.

Vilms suggested a joint powers agency be created from all the agencies involved in the Laguna and the committee decided to hold with that idea for the time being. In addition, all Laguna policies will be collected and compiled.

"A Reader's Digest version of all the different Laguna documents," Vilms called this collection of information.

Harold Appleton, a former member of the Laguna Advisory committee, suggested the committee also conduct an educational seminar of sorts.

Cox latched on to the idea, calling it a "state of the Laguna conference."

The Jan. 23 meeting ended with the formation of subcommittees. Vilms volunteered to head the committee identifying funding sources for both the report and conference, while Appleton headed the subcommittee on the "state of the Laguna" conference. Cox was appointed head librarian of the data collection subcommittee.

The next meeting of the Laguna Scoping Committee will take place Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Sebastopol Library Forum Room.

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