

In 1972

Prop. 20 created the California Coastal Commission and impacted the upscale Sea Ranch development on the northwest Sonoma County coast. In the end, Sea Ranch construction was ruled exempt from control of the commission, but the public was allowed five access trails to the beach.

Petaluman Bill Kortum led the organization of COAST (Californians Organized to Acquire Access to State Tidelands). Fellow environmentalist Chuck Hinkle was elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Petaluma developed a plan to control growth by limiting the number of housing units to be built each year. The city won its case in the U.S. Supreme Court.

“The Candidate,” a movie with a political theme, starring Robert Redford, was shot in Santa Rosa.

Women flyers formed the Sonoma Chapter of Ninety Nines.