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Santa Clara, 49ers stadium deal may be soon

A deal between the city of Santa Clara and the 49ers for a new stadium in the South Bay appears to be heating up as relations between the team and San Francisco officials seem to be cooling off.

Santa Clara City Councilman Kevin Moore said Thursday that an agreement with the team to build a 68,500-seat stadium near Great America could be sealed in the next couple of weeks.

"The 49ers see that the economic downturn means that there is less money available (from Santa Clara), but they've stepped up and said they will make a deal work," Moore said.

Any contract between Santa Clara and the team would need to be approved by voters.

The 49ers declined to comment on talks with Santa Clara, but continue to say that it is their preferred place to build a new ballpark.

Meanwhile, the team has asked San Francisco to complete a $1 million evaluation of structural issues and other repair needs at Candlestick Park and estimate that the city owes them about $61 million in deferred maintenance.

Lisa Lang, 49ers spokeswoman, said the team meets with the city annually to determine the stadium's condition. The team's lease runs through 2013 with options through 2023.

San Francisco has proposed a new 49ers stadium at the former Hunters Point Shipyard to try to keep the team in town.

Mayor Gavin Newsom seemed put off by the latest news about the 49ers.

"We'll keep fighting (to keep the team)," said. "But I'm not going to lie and say I'm pleased with the fact that they continue to belittle our chances of keeping them. Nor will I sell the soul of the city to keep them."

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