

# Development of Area Small Boat Harbors Aided by New State Laws

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On July 18, Governor Goodwin J. Knight informed me that he had signed my Assembly Bill No. 3071 on July 15 and that it is now known as Chapter 2408. This bill, which becomes a law in September, adds Section 8816.7 to the Public Resources Code of the state of California relating to small craft harbors. It provides for transfer to the Small Crafts Harbor Revolving Fund, or any successor thereto, for development and operation of small craft harbors, \$75,000 for the 1957-58 fiscal year, and \$500,000 for each of the next four years thereafter from the State Lands Act Fund after appropriations therefrom have been made for payment of refunds and carrying out provisions regarding oil and gas and mineral leases but before transfers to the state beach fund, state park fund, general fund, and investment fund.

In simpler language, this law appropriates \$2,075,000 from tideland oil revenue to be used as a revolving loan fund to develop small boat harbors during the next four years.

My law interlocks with a bill by Senator Fred Kraft of San Diego, also recently signed by the Governor, which establishes a new Division of Small Craft Harbors under the supervision and direction of the director of natural resources, in accordance with general policies established by a newly created Small Craft Harbors Commission, composed of five members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Obviously, my law provides the money and the commission decides where and how funds will be loaned to local harbor districts for harbor development.

There were other bills on small boat harbors presented in both the Assembly and the Senate. Some of them passed both houses and were signed by the Governor but it is too soon to give an accurate report on all of them. All of these bills were the result of work by the Senate Interim Committee on Bay Development and Small Boat Harbors, of which Senator Fred Kraft of San Diego was chairman, and the Assembly Interim Committee on Marine Affairs, of which I was chairman. However, assemblymen and senators from all over the state worked with us to set up the long-awaited state master plan for harbors which these laws put into effect.

The California Marine Parks and Harbors Assn., the Shoreline Planning Assn. of California, the supervisors of Los Angeles County, and the mayors, city managers, and councilmen of Inglewood, Los Angeles, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redon-

do Beach, Torrance, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, and Avalon, all supported the boat-harbor bills and worked with us to get them through both houses and signed by the Governor.

On July 16, the Governor notified me that he had signed Assembly Bill No. 1784 on July 10. This is an act making an appropriation of two million dollars to the County of Los Angeles for the cost of matching and cooperating with the U. S. government in the acquisition, construction and development of a small craft harbor and recreation area at

Playa del Rey, which work includes constructing harbor entrance jetties, dredging the entrance and main channels, and revetting the banks adjoining the entrance channel.

The principal author of the bill was the Hon. Lester McMillan because the harbor actually is in his Assembly District even though the village of Playa del Rey is in my own 46th District. Assemblyman Harold Levering of Santa Monica and I were the co-authors. This, too, is a culmination of years of work. Originally, I carried bills for the Playa del Rey small boat harbor, now called the Marina del Rey, but

the committees. However, it explains the long range program for small craft harbor development in California and describes in detail all the coastal harbors and inland harbors under consideration for granting state loans, together with the official comments of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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