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## **Guide to the Carl Reupsch Collection MS 187**

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**Title:** Carl Reupsch Collection

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 187

**Contributing Institution:** San Diego History Center Document Collection

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 1.0 Linear feet(2 boxes)

**Date (inclusive):** 1948-1971

**Abstract:** This collection contains personal and business papers of Carl Reupsch, including his involvement in the San Diego Harbor Department, Mission Bay Park, and San Diego Port Unified District

**Language of Materials:** Collection materials are in English and French.

**creator:** Reupsch, Carl F.

**Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Use**

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**Processing Information**

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**Preferred Citation**

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Accession number 830706A.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into 4 series:

Series I: Personal Papers

Series II: San Diego Harbor Department

Series III: Mission Bay Park

Series IV: San Diego Unified Port District

Items within each series are arranged by subject.

**Biographical / Historical Notes**

Carl Frederick Reupsch was born April 3, 1909 in Erie, Pennsylvania. He moved to San Diego in 1942 to work for Consolidated Aircraft (later Convair Division of General Dynamics). Carl Reupsch was a prominent figure in the development of the harbor and the waterfront in San Diego, working at the San Diego Harbor Department, Mission Bay Park, and the San Diego Unified Port District. Additionally, he traveled around the country, including Sacramento, Washington, D.C., and Texas, providing other ports and professional organizations with expert advice in development and operations. Moreover, he was involved in numerous organizations serving in many leadership positions such as the President of the California Navigation Conference and Director of the Cabrillo Historical Association, among others. Carl Reupsch published several books and articles and impressively produced three sound color motion pictures. He and his wife, Marion, enjoyed traveling and completed several around-the-world trips.

During his time at the San Diego Harbor Department, he was involved in the promotion of the harbor and also tackled real estate issues. In 1956, he was requested to be the Director of Mission Bay Park, and graciously served in the position for one year before returning to the Harbor Department. In 1962, after a legislative push, the San Diego Unified Port District was established, bringing together ports in San Diego, National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and Coronado. Carl Reupsch was involved in the development of Harbor Island, Shelter Island, the Embarcadero, and the upgrades to Lindbergh Field.

Carl F. Reupsch passed away on May 30, 1983 at the age of 74.

**Comments**

Material added to collection from Document Files Collection, Carl F. Reupsch file.

**Scope and Content**

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This collection contains papers of Carl Reusch encompassing his career in the San Diego Harbor Department, Mission Bay Park, and San Diego Unified Port District. There are correspondence and reports on property management of San Diego harbor and tidelands as well as scripts for promotional films from the San Diego Harbor Department. Internal memoranda and reports document development of Mission Bay Park under Carl Reusch as Director. San Diego Unified Port District papers include documents on tidelands management, Harbor Island, Shelter Island, and Embarcadero development, Lindbergh Field and hotel growth. The collection also includes personal papers of Carl Reusch such as biographies and personal travel itineraries.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Airport Operators Council.

Bates, John

Reusch, Carl F.

San Diego (Calif.). Harbor Dept.

San Diego (Calif.). Planning Dept.

San Diego Unified Port District.

Star of India (Ship).

Boats and boating

Embarcadero (San Diego, Calif.)

Eureka (Calif.)

Harbor Island (San Diego, Calif.)

Lindbergh Field (San Diego, Calif.)

Mission Bay Park (San Diego, Calif.)

San Diego (Calif.)

Shelter Island (San Diego, Calif.)

Shipping

Ventura (Calif.)

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Series I: **Personal Papers**

Box-folder 1:1

**Personal papers, 1957-1971 and undated**

**Includes:**

Biographical information

Correspondence

Invitations

Certificates

Travel itineraries

Series II: **San Diego Harbor Department**

Box-folder 1:2

**Correspondence, 1957 March 15-1962 April 10**

**Includes:**

Reusch's appointment

Attendance and presentations by Reusch at conferences and meetings

Assistance in examination for Harbor Property Managers

Rental policy research for tidelands

Box-folder 1:3

**Property management, 1948-1962 and undated**

**Includes:**

General value appraisal, possessory taxes, and rentals

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- Box-folder 1:4            **Property management, 1956-1961**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 Tidelands
- Box-folder 1:5            **Property management, 1958-1960**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 Collected data reports on berth rentals, yacht basin value appraisal, and possessory taxation
- Box-folder 1:6            **Parking area development, 1957-1959 and undated**  
Box-folder 1:7            **Ventura Port District development, 1957 April 16-June 5**  
Box-folder 1:8            **Articles and miscellaneous reports by Reusch, 1957-1962 and undated**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 "A Report on Your Port," published article in Rental Owners News, November 1957  
                                 "Point Loma Little League," February 3, 1959  
                                 "History and Development of the Port of San Diego," November 1960  
                                 Drafts and correspondence for article titled "Airport Accounting," 1961-1962 and undated
- Box-folder 1:9            **Promotional films, 1955-1959**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 Drafts of scripts and screenplays for promotional films, "Harbor of the Sun" and "Tradelanes to the Harbor of the Sun"
- Box-folder 1:10          **Miscellanea, undated**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 Advertisement for Port of New Orleans, undated  
                                 Copy of two pages from unknown book, lists "The Harbor Commission of San Diego" for "fiscal year ending July 1, 1929."

Series III: **Mission Bay Park**

- Box-folder 1:11          **Correspondence, 1956 October 9-1957 October 16**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 Reusch's appointment  
                                 Congratulatory letters to Reusch on receiving position as Director  
                                 Honorary memberships and complimentary tickets to Reusch
- Box-folder 1:12          **Internal memoranda and reports, 1957 January-October**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 "Mission Bay Park: A Summary of its History, Planning, Development and Management" by Carl F. Reusch, Director (report), October 1, 1957
- Box-folder 1:13          **"Mission Bay Development: An Evaluation of Pertinent Oceanographic Factors" (report and excerpts), 1957 July 25**  
Box-folder 1:14          **Brochures, undated**

Series IV: **San Diego Unified Port District**

- Box-folder 1:15          **Correspondence, 1963 February 25-1971 January 14**  
                                 **Includes:**  
                                 Port business affairs  
                                 Internal memoranda  
                                 Event and conference participation by Reusch

Box-folder 2:1	<b>Annual Reports, 1964-1970</b> <b>Includes:</b> 1965 Improvements Bonds, Official Statement (booklet), September 20, 1965
Box-folder 2:2	<b>Port of San Diego history and development, 1967-1969</b>
Box-folder 2:3	<b>Tidelands management, 1963-1971</b> <b>Includes:</b> Reports Correspondence
Box-folder 2:4	<b>Small craft harbor development, 1966-1968</b>
Box-folder 2:5	<b>Harbor Island and Shelter Island history and development, 1961-1969 and undated</b>
Box-folder 2:6	<b>Embarcadero development, 1968-1971</b>
Box-folder 2:7	<b>Lindberg Field and Airport Operators Council, 1964-1967 and undated</b> <b>Includes:</b> Lindberg Field (airport) development Airport Operators Council uniform financial reporting
Box-folder 2:8	<b>Hotel developments, 1960-1965</b>
Box-folder 2:9	<b>Water pollution reports (copies), 1969</b>
Box-folder 2:10	<b>News releases, 1966 July 25-1968 November 1</b>
Box-folder 2:11	<b>News articles, 1961-1968</b>
Box-folder 2:12	<b>"Port Dictionary of Technical Terms" (book),</b>
Box-folder 2:13	<b>Miscellanea, 1957-1970 and undated</b> <b>Includes:</b> Reupsch's handwritten notes on business activities and listings of meetings Board of Port Commissioners organization chart and status report (copies) "Typical Calendar of Corps of Engineers Budgetary Process" (copy)