Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection on the development of Newport Beach, California

Date: 1966-1995

Collection Number: MS-R142

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Languages: The collection is in English.

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Abstract: This collection comprises municipal documents and other materials related to the planning and development of the City of Newport Beach, California.

Access

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Acquisition Information

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Processing History

Processed by Joanna Lamb, 2009.

Historical Background

Incorporated in 1906, the City of Newport Beach was initially a small, isolated tourist destination, with seasonal residents occupying self-supporting villages such as Lido Isle and the Balboa Peninsula. During the 1940s and 1950s, more permanent residents moved to Newport Beach due to importation of water from the Colorado River, highway expansion, and the growing military population.

Newport Beach began a period of marked expansion in 1958 when the Ford Aeronautic research facility and the Hughes Superconductor plant opened and in 1959 Irvine Company donated 1,000 acres for the UC Irvine campus. Throughout this time Newport Beach invested public funds in recreation spaces, landmark restoration, and a hospital. In the 1960s through the 1980s, the city continued to embark on large-scale community planning projects.

Biography/Organization History

1842  Jose Andres Sepulveda acquires Rancho San Joaquin (including the Newport Upper Bay and most of the mainland shoreline of the lower bay) through a Mexican land grant.
1864  Joss Sepulveda sells holdings to partners Flint, Bixby and Irvine.
1870  The Steamer Vaquero enters Newport Bay; a landing is established and the area is named Newport.
1876  James Irvine acquires what becomes the Irvine Ranch from his partners, the land and areas that will later become the City of Newport Beach.
1888  The McFadden brothers build an ocean wharf.
1889  The McFadden brothers move their shipping business from inside the bay to the new outside landing on the peninsula.
1903-1907 The subdivisions of Newport are established as West Newport, East Newport, Bay Island, Balboa, Corona del Mar, Balboa Island, and Port Orange.
1905  The Pacific Electric Railroad reaches Newport, establishing a connection between Los Angeles and Newport.
1906  Newport Beach becomes a city and annexes Balboa.
1910  The McFadden brothers sell Newport, Lido, and Balboa Island.
1921  The Santa Ana River is rechanneled from Newport Bay to the sea.
1922  The first sanitary sewers are installed.
1923  Corona del Mar is annexed by the city of Newport Beach and the Eddie Martin Airport opens (now John Wayne Airport).
1926  The Coast Highway opens.
1941  The Metropolitan River District begins receiving water via the Colorado River Aqueduct.
1943  El Toro Marine Base opens, attracting thousand of recruits to the area with many settling in the Newport area.
1950  Monies are secured for the construction of Hoag Hospital in Newport.
1958  Hughes semiconductor plant, Ford Aeronautics, and Newport Dunes open.
1959  Newporter Inn opens.
1960  The first high rise apartment development opens.
1965  UC Irvine opens with 1,600 students.
1967  Fashion Island opens.
1971  Voters reject building a freeway through the city. Fun Zone is saved from redevelopment, thus marking the beginning of a preservation and anti-growth movement.
1973  Orange County bus lines are extended to Newport.
1976  Sheraton Hotel builds a 300 room complex on Emkay Development Company land.


Collection Scope and Content Summary
This collection comprises municipal documents and other materials related to the planning and development of the City of Newport Beach, California. The bulk of the collection is from the 1970s and includes reports, directories, manuals, legal documents, newsletters, and publicity related to city planning, retail, and housing developments.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically under two divisions, the City of Newport Beach Planning and Development records and Related Orange County Materials.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Newport Beach (Calif.) -- History -- Archives
City planning -- California -- Newport Beach -- Archives

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