

Collection Title: Port Costa Sewer

Dates: 1965-2010

Collection Number: PCMAP.012.Port Costa Sewer

Extent: 4 folders, approximately 0.35 linear feet.

Repository: Port Costa Museum Archive Project

Abstract: This is a collection of materials related to the Port Costa sewer.

Physical Location: Port Costa Museum and Archive Project, Archive Room, File Cabinet 1A

Language of Material: English

Access Use and Restrictions: The collection is open for research use.

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System of Organization:

This collection is organized by type of material and chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

Scope and Content of Collection:

This is a collection of materials related to Port Costa Sewer

Access points/Indexing Terms:

Subjects

- Public utilities
- Sewer
- Water Treatment

Personal and Corporate Names

- Port Costa
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Acquisition: The bulk of this material was collected by the Port Costa Museum.

Level of Description: Folder level description

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Container List:

Folder 1: Correspondence and Communications, 1976-1988

This folder includes letters, announcements, and other communications related to the Port Costa Sewer and Water Treatment Plants.

-An announcement for a meeting on September 8, 1976 to discuss increased costs for sewage treatment improvements. Includes a handwritten list of names of attendees.

-An August 22, 1977 letter to John Clause, County Counsel, from Vernon Cline about the possibility of a ban on further annexations Sanitation District Number 5.

-A September 27, 1977 resolution from the Public Works Department to discourage future annexations to Sanitation District Number 5.

-A September 14, 1978 letter from James Maguire asking the board of supervisors to make an exception to the moratorium on annexations for their proposed development, claiming that they filed their applications for building permits before the moratorium was in place.

-A January 24, 1979 letter from the Port Costa Town Council to the Board of Supervisors urging that the ban on hookups be extended.

-A March 8, 1979 letter to Muriel Whitmore from the California Regional Water Control Board answering her letter to Governor Brown. The letter supports the moratorium on annexes to District 5 until improvements are made to the water treatment systems.

-A letter dated March 22, 1982 from Richard McMurtry at the California Regional Water Control Board to the Contra Costa Planning Department reporting on his perspective on the best type of water treatment plant to build in Port Costa.

-A July 19, 1982 Public Notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers about a permit to construct a Recirculating Sand Filter Wastewater Treatment Facility in Port Costa.

-A June 20, 1988 Press Release regarding committee openings for Port Costa Sanitation department.

Folder 2: Oral History, 2010

-Donnie Robinson's recollections of the history of the sewer system as told to Linda Clark on March 29, 2010

-Rudy Alvarado's recollections of the history of the sewer system as told to Linda Clark on May, 18, 2010

Folder 3: Photographs, Drawings, and Maps

- Copies of a series of maps and drawings related to the hydraulic system and sewer.
- Photos of the building of the sewer
- Photos of the cutting of the ribbon for the new sewer plant featuring Frank Jurik, Nancy Fahden, Eva Pembroke, and others.

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1965, 1972, 1976-1983

-This is a collection of newspaper articles about the various controversies surrounding the Port Costa sewer system, the moratorium on new hookups and developer resistance to that, resident resistance to high rates, plans for a new sewer system. Most are from 1967-1969 when much of the debate was occurring. There is one article from 1965, one from 1972, and a couple from 1982 report that the sewer system is still a problem and one from 1983 reports that they are finally breaking ground on a new sewer.