

Weather Report

Temperature for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today — Maximum 93, minimum 48.

Monterey Bay Area — Fog or low overcast night and morning but clear afternoons today and tomorrow; cooler; northwest winds, 10-15 knots in afternoons.

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Appropriations Committee Gives Project Go-Ahead

The proposed Santa Cruz small craft harbor has breezed through the straits on which it grounded the last two years.

The house appropriations committee this morning approved a \$300,000 first-year construction program for the harbor facility at Woods lagoon.

This was part of a \$960,369,500 water resources construction program for the army engineers and reclamation bureau, according to the Associated Press.

Local officials issued relieved cheers, cast about a few accolades and then were back at charting the remainder of the course toward actual construction of the 250-slip facility.

Worth Brown, chairman of the Santa Cruz port district commission, said that if the project clears remaining legislative reefs, first construction bids could be called in mid-January.

This timetable would result in completion of the harbor for use in October, 1963.

The \$300,000 figure is starting appropriation of \$1,680,000 authorized for the outer harbor work, designed by the army corps of engineers. Release of the remainder would be automatic as work proceeds.

It also is key to an authorized \$1,975,000 state small craft harbor loan for inner harbor construction.

Brown said he and other local officials plan to appear before the state small craft harbor commission at Lake Tahoe, September 18, to request final release of the loan funds.

"From a practical standpoint, the house's action today is tantamount to final approval," Brown said.

"The senate has approved it for the past two years. We have no reason to believe it won't this year."

He also pointed out that the item was in the Kennedy budget.

The water resources bill will go to the full house tomorrow. It then must be approved by the senate.

Brown said the senate version probably will include a \$500,000 first-year appropriation, requested by Brown and supported by Senator Clair Engle (D-Calif.) in appearances before that committee this spring.

In the event the two versions differ, the Santa Cruz harbor will be among items considered in senate-house compromise sessions.

"It doesn't matter which amount is approved, just so we get some money for a start," Brown said.

The appropriation has been included by the senate the past three years. However, the house has never concurred and the local harbor has never survived compromise sessions.

All construction will be through competitive bidding. The state loan will be repaid by operating revenues, although

Santa Cruz area voters accepted a 10-cent tax liability when they set up the port district.

Brown said the first item put to bid will be the jetty arms (1200 feet on the east, 1000 feet on the west) which will form the harbor entrance at the westerly side of Twin Lakes beach state park.

Following in close order will be inner harbor dredging and bulkhead installation and construction of a bridge linking Marine Parade and Eaton street.

The bridge must be completed before East Cliff drive is severed to form the actual harbor entrance.

Brown, district engineers Earl and Wright, and city officials will meet at 2 p.m. Friday to attempt to finalize plans for the westerly approach to the bridge. The city council has set aside \$60,000 to meet its commitments in this respect.

The county will provide the Eaton approach, a less demanding project.

The port district got off a "thank you" wire to Congressman Charles Gubser (R-Gilroy) and sent simultaneous "what can we do next" messages to Engle and Senator Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.), another supporter of the project.

Ernest Dillon, chairman of the statewide Citizens for Santa Cruz Harbor committee, lauded Governor Edmund G. Brown for his active support of the project, including groundwork in Washington this spring.

Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge (R-Felton) and State Senator Donald Grunsky (R-Watsonville) were lauded by Brown for prolonged efforts for the harbor.

He also cited the counsel and support of Stagnaro and, now on the state small craft harbor commission.

Guiding directors of the port district commission are James B. Leask, Alfred Stagnaro and Don Falconer. Kenneth Melrose, first chairman, and Tom Twohig have been members during a decade of putting the harbor in shape.

"But it has been the continued bi-partisan support of the community which has helped put this project over," Brown said.

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