

Santa Cruz port wins state loan for new facilities at harbor

A \$700,000 loan to the Santa Cruz Port District has been approved by the state Boating and Waterways Commission for construction of new facilities at the harbor.

Construction work set for the upper harbor area includes:

- ✓ Complete replacement of the electrical system.
- ✓ Construction of a harbor maintenance shop.
- ✓ Enhancement of the estuarine environment in Arana Gulch to stabilize the area by preventing the siltation that now occurs.

Work scheduled for the lower harbor will include construction of a new public restroom at the

west harbor parking area and the installation of four new fuel tanks to serve the harbor boat-fueling system. The existing fuel tanks will be removed.

Santa Cruz Harbor, which includes approximately 38 acres of land and 52 acres of water, provides berthing for 720 recreational boats as well as slips for commercial fishing vessels.

Harbor related services located within the harbor include restaurants, chandleries, boat sales, bait and tackle shops, dry boat storage, fuel dock and marine electronic shops.

The harbor was built in the early '60s with the participation

of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Boating and Waterways, and the Santa Cruz Port District. State loans totalling approximately \$4.25 million were provided by Cal Boating to construct the upper harbor.

Additional funds were awarded in 1981-82 to develop a commercial fishing complex, which is currently under construction, and construct a dry-storage area for boats. The latter project is in the design stage.

State funds for this and other local boating facility projects are derived from the gasoline taxes paid by California boaters.