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Assembly-Passed Bills Clear Title To SC Land Acquisitions

The California State Assembly yesterday passed two bills granting title to portions of Woods Lagoon to the Santa Cruz Port District and the City and County of Santa Cruz.

Nobody is sure if the state had any claim to the property in the first place. But title insurers advised the district to clear up the matter positively so the district's claim to the new harbor expansion area would not be clouded at some future date.

The district's attorney, Bert Snyder, took the problem to Sacramento and the two necessary bills were authored by Senator Don Grunsky (R-Watsonville).

The tidelands portion granted to the city and county is to accommodate the extension of Broadway when it crosses just north of the harbor expansion to

connect with Brommer Street.

The problem ranges back more than 100 years to the time California became a state. By virtue of its new sovereignty, the state claimed ownership to all tidelands and submerged inlets.

The federal government, however, often overlooked that fact when it patented land to individuals. Thus, a search of the records regarding prior ownership of the Woods Lagoon area cast some doubt as to clear title of the property. And thus the need for two legislative bills as a precautionary measure.

Owner Finds Home A Mess; Boys Caught

Richard Wehner, 44, of San Jose, checked on his Aptos weekend home just in time yesterday.

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