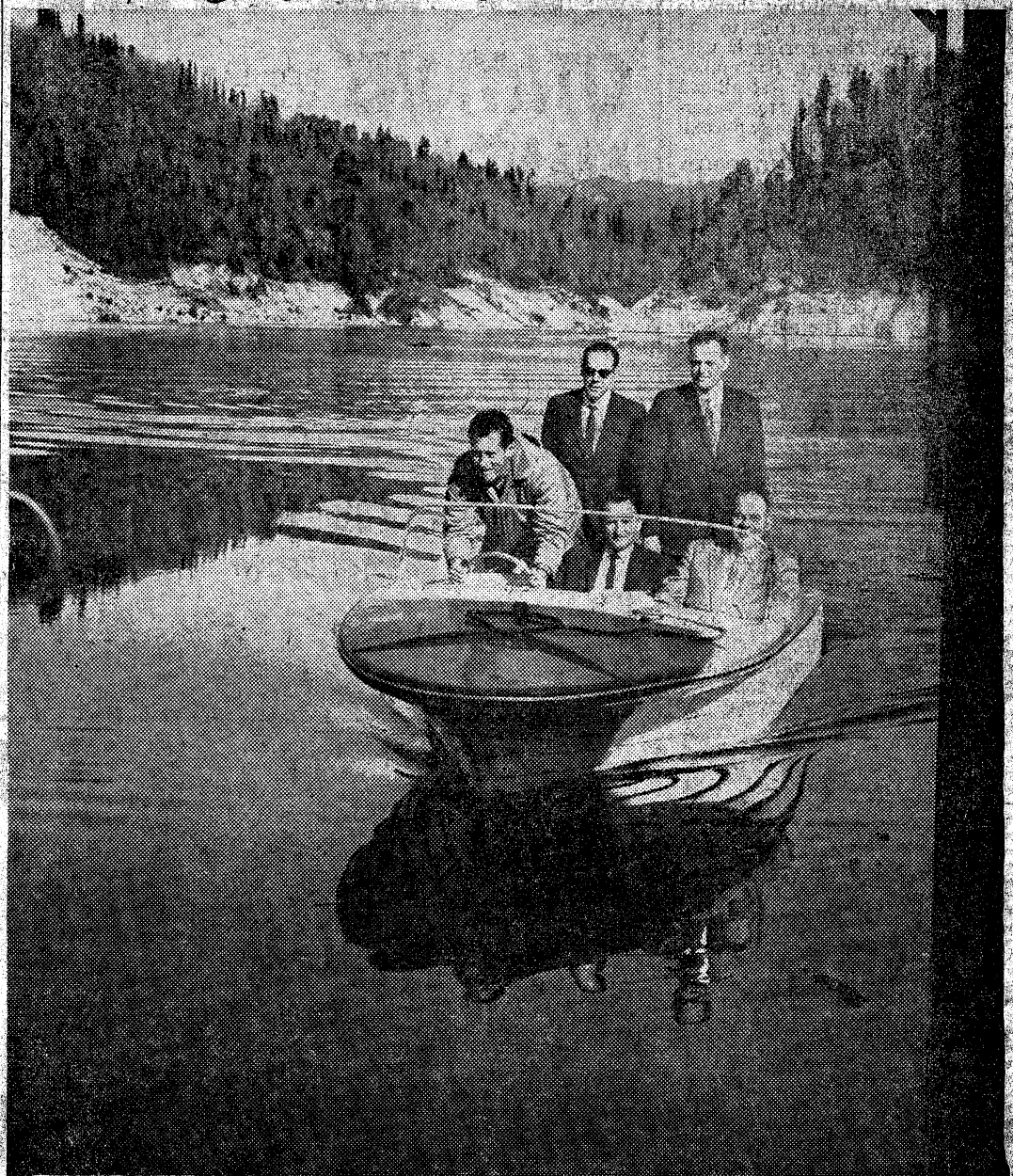


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Inspection



## Newell Creek Grant Decision Due From Commission Feb. 1

Final "Yes" or "No" on the City of Santa Cruz application for a \$149,300 grant to develop Newell creek recreational facilities will be made February 1 at Sacramento.

At that time, the California State Water commission will hear a report from a three-member committee which inspected the reservoir area yesterday. The group was guided by Mayor Bert Snyder, City Manager Dave Roester and Water Director Weston Webber.

The grant under provisions of the Davis-Grunsky act has been recommended for approval by the department of water resources. The department would begin negotiation of a contract with the city, following approval

by the water commission.

Facilities proposed along the central reservoir shore are not expected to be ready until spring of 1964.

Temporary recreation facilities on the upper end of the lake are being planned for use this spring. The city council has expressed its willingness to spend an estimated \$8644 on the interim project.

Papers are being prepared for final council approval and necessary state clearances.

State officials on the tour yesterday included commissioners John King of Petaluma, Ira J. Christman of Visalia, and William M. Carah of Sacramento and Charles A. McCullough, chief of the water resources bay area division.

Proposed Newell creek reservoir recreational facilities got on-the-scene inspection yesterday by a three-man committee of the California State Water commission, accompanied by

Santa Cruz city officials. Two city water department boats were used. In the "flagship" above are, standing, Mayor Bert Snyder, left, and Commissioner John King of Petaluma, and,

seated left to right, City Manager Dave Roester, Commissioner Ira J. Christman of Visalia. At the wheel is city water department employe Robert Wilcox.

Loch Lomond