

## County's Water Levels Establish New Records

More than \$6 million in water from last season's rainstorms has been conserved by County Flood Control District engineers, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

This represents about 335,000 acre-feet destined for underground reservoirs and ultimate use by county citizens, he added.

Increased water conservation operations by the district during the year indicate that groundwater levels this fall are expected to be higher in 24 basins—a gain of six over the number that climbed in the fall of 1966.

STATISTICS SHOW that historic low elevations are due to fall at four basins—

the San Fernando Main Basin eastern section, Raymond, Chino, and Lancaster basins. This is a decrease by two from the number reaching historic lows during the fall of last year.

Chace said levels in the Montebello Forebay are currently 8 feet higher than last fall and are expected to remain several feet higher this fall. A similar situation is likely in the Central Coastal Plain.

Elevation increases are forecast to range from 3 feet in the Hollywood Basin, 5 feet near Vernon and Huntington Park, 9 feet northeast of Seal Beach, and approximately 15 feet in the north Long Beach-Lakewood area north of Signal Hill.

**GROUNDWATERS** in the West Basin this fall are expected to be 6 feet higher in the Torrance area, up 5 feet in Hawthorne, slightly lower in west Long Beach, and about the same in Venice.

During 1965-66 precipitation in the county was 132 per cent of normal and by the end of the current water year is expected to be 133 per cent of normal. Runoff from the San Gabriel Mountains in 1965-66 was 224 per cent of average and is forecast to be 235 per cent of average during 1966-67.

More than 40 per cent of the county's daily water needs are supplied by the underground basins, Chace added.

## County Obtains Land Parcel Entry Rights

County supervisors have approved and accepted an agreement affecting a parcel of land at Hawaii Avenue between California and Maple avenues, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reports.

Parties to the pact are the County Flood Control District and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.

Hahn said it will allow the district a right of entry pending the completion of processing a permanent easement affecting the land.

## Ensenada Trip Big Success

Sixteen Redondo Beach youths are preparing for the opening of school after two weeks in Ensenada as part of the Redondo Beach sister city student exchange program.

Dr. Jack McLaughlin, president of the Sister City Committee, said the trip was a tremendous success. "Not only did the young people have fun—they also learned Mexican songs, folk dances, customs and arts and crafts."

The students were selected by their teachers—one for each of Redondo Beach's 16 elementary schools. While in Ensenada they stayed in homes of Mexican families.

Those making the trip were Monica Flores and Fred Siegel, Adams; Kimberly Palmer, Alta Vista; Bruce Roberts, Andrews; Tami Lynn Hancher, Beryl Heights; Debra Martin, Franklin; Alondra Carmichael, Fulton; Dinah Micklevic, Hillcrest; Jimmy Mitchell, Hillcrest; San Fraticelli, Jefferson; Mike (Miguel) Cernushin, Lincoln; Luis Chlup, Lincoln; Joyce Graham, Madison; Robert Bear, McCandless; Edward Phee, South; Margie Brooks, Tulita; and Linda Jean Reid, Washington.

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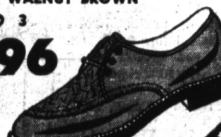
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