
CHAPTER 1076

An act conveying certain tidelands and submerged lands to the County of San Luis Obispo, in furtherance of navigation and commerce and the fisheries, and providing for the gov-

ernment, management and control thereof, reserving rights to the State.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

San Luis
Obispo
County:
Grant of
tidelands

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted and conveyed to the County of San Luis Obispo and to its successors, all of the right, title, and interest of the State of California, held by it by virtue of its sovereignty, in and to the tidelands and submerged lands, whether filled or unfilled, in or adjacent to Morro Bay, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of Section 6, T. 30 S., R. 11 E., M.D.M., and running S. 0 degrees 3 minutes E., a distance of 1,348.80 feet to a point; thence west on a true line to the ordinary high water mark of Morro Bay, the true point of beginning; thence, from the true point of beginning, in a northwesterly direction to the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Section 1, T. 30 S., R. 10 E., M.D.M.; thence along the ordinary high water mark of Morro Bay and the Pacific Ocean to the northwesterly corner of Lot 1, Section 2, T. 30 S., R. 10 E., M.D.M.; thence west to a point three miles seaward of the ordinary high water mark of the Pacific Ocean; thence in a northerly direction to the point of intersection with the westerly prolongation of the center line of 66th Street, Atascadero Beach, 3 miles seaward of the ordinary high water mark of the Pacific Ocean as it existed prior to the construction of the seawall extending from Atascadero Beach to Morro Rock; thence along the said ordinary high water mark of the Pacific Ocean and Morro Bay as shown on a plat entitled "Map Showing Survey of San Luis Obispo County Property in Lot 1, block 31, Atascadero Beach and Line of Mean High Water along the Pacific Ocean Adjacent to and North and South of said Property and near the Proposed Breakwater at Morro Rock. Surveyed by Kenneth Beck, County Surveyor, March 1934" and recorded in Book 2 at page 39 of Licensed Surveyors' Maps, San Luis Obispo County Records, and continuing along the ordinary high water mark of Morro Bay to the true point of beginning, excepting therefrom tidelands patented by the State under Tideland Surveys Nos. 10 and 14, and any land owned by the State under the jurisdiction of the Division of Beaches and Parks, State of California, consisting of 3,300 acres, more or less.

Purposes

To be forever held by said county and its successors, in trust for the uses and purposes and upon the express conditions following, to wit:

(a) That said lands shall be used by said county, and its successors, only for the establishment, improvement and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, maintenance and operation thereon of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays and other utilities, structures, facilities and appliances necessary or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation, and said county, or its successors, shall not,

at any time, grant, convey, give or alien said lands, or any part thereof, to any individual, firm or corporation for any purposes whatever; provided, that said county, or its successors, may grant franchises thereon for limited periods (but in no event exceeding 50 years), for wharves and other public uses and purposes and may lease said lands, or any part thereof, for limited periods (but in no event exceeding 50 years), for purposes consistent with the trust upon which said lands are held by the State of California, and with the requirements of commerce and navigation at said harbor, and collect and retain rents from such leases.

(b) That said lands shall be improved by said county without expense to the State, and shall always remain available for public use for all purposes of commerce and navigation, and the State of California shall have at all times, the right to use, without charge, all wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and other improvements and facilities constructed on said lands, or any part thereof, for any vessel or other water or aircraft, or railroad, owned or operated by the State of California.

(c) That in the management, conduct or operation of said harbor, or of any of the utilities, structures, appliances or facilities mentioned in paragraph (a), no discrimination in rates, tolls, or charges or in facilities for any use or service in connection therewith shall ever be made, authorized or permitted by said county or its successors.

(d) There is hereby reserved, however, in the people of the State of California the absolute right to fish in the waters of said harbor with the right of convenient access to said waters over said lands for said purposes.

(e) There is hereby excepted and reserved to the State of California all deposits of minerals, including oil and gas, in said land, and to the State of California, or persons authorized by the State of California, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from said land.

(f) The lands herein described are granted subject to the express reservation and condition that the State may at any time in the future use said lands or any portion thereof for highway purposes without compensation to the county, its successors or assigns, or any person, firm or public or private corporation claiming under it, except that in the event improvements have been placed upon the property taken by the State for said purposes, compensation shall be made to the person entitled thereto for the value of his interest in the improvements taken or the damages to such interest.

(g) There is hereby excepted and reserved to the State of California and the people thereof the absolute right, as the case may be, to regulate, control, establish, provide for, and dispose of oyster beds pursuant to the provisions of Sections 814 to 822, inclusive, of the Fish and Game Code of this State.