

San Leandro Shoreline History

Early 1800's to Present and Future

MARINA HISTORY

The San Leandro Marina had its beginning in Mulford's Landing which was located at the foot of First Street, today's Marina Boulevard. Like many East Bay communities San Leandro had agricultural origins. The Mulford Ranch occupied the area east of the present day Marina. Produce from it and other local farms was shipped to San Francisco on barges from Mulford Landing and Robert's Landing to the south. The Marina was also the site of oyster beds, now marked by the State of California monument at Mulford Point. The marsh lands of the shoreline were used later by duck clubs for hunting.

Plants which are native to Bay Shoreline area similar to those in the Marina are divided into two natural vegetation categories. The vegetation category closest to the Bay is the "Wetland Marsh" which includes mud flats, low marsh, and high marsh. This area is near and below the line of the highest tidal action.

With the exception of a few parcels which were acquired in the 1950's, the San Leandro shoreline and all portions of the San Francisco Bay within the jurisdiction of the City were acquired in the early 1960's. The acquisition coincided with the "Save the Bay" movement and was for the purpose of protecting that area from private bay fill development and preserving it for public open space and related waterfront activities. Originally the shoreline followed the general alignment of Neptune Drive.

The Marina was constructed between 1960 and 1962 with fill dredged from the Bay. The dikes were built and filled to enclose the berthing area. The year 1965 marked the beginning of commercial development for the Marina with the opening of the Blue Dolphin, a seafood Restaurant. Tia Maria, now El Torito opened in 1970, Horatio's in 1978 and the Marina Inn Hotel in 1985. The boatworks began operation in 1970 and the yacht clubs were founded shortly thereafter.

DUCK HUNTING AND FISHING

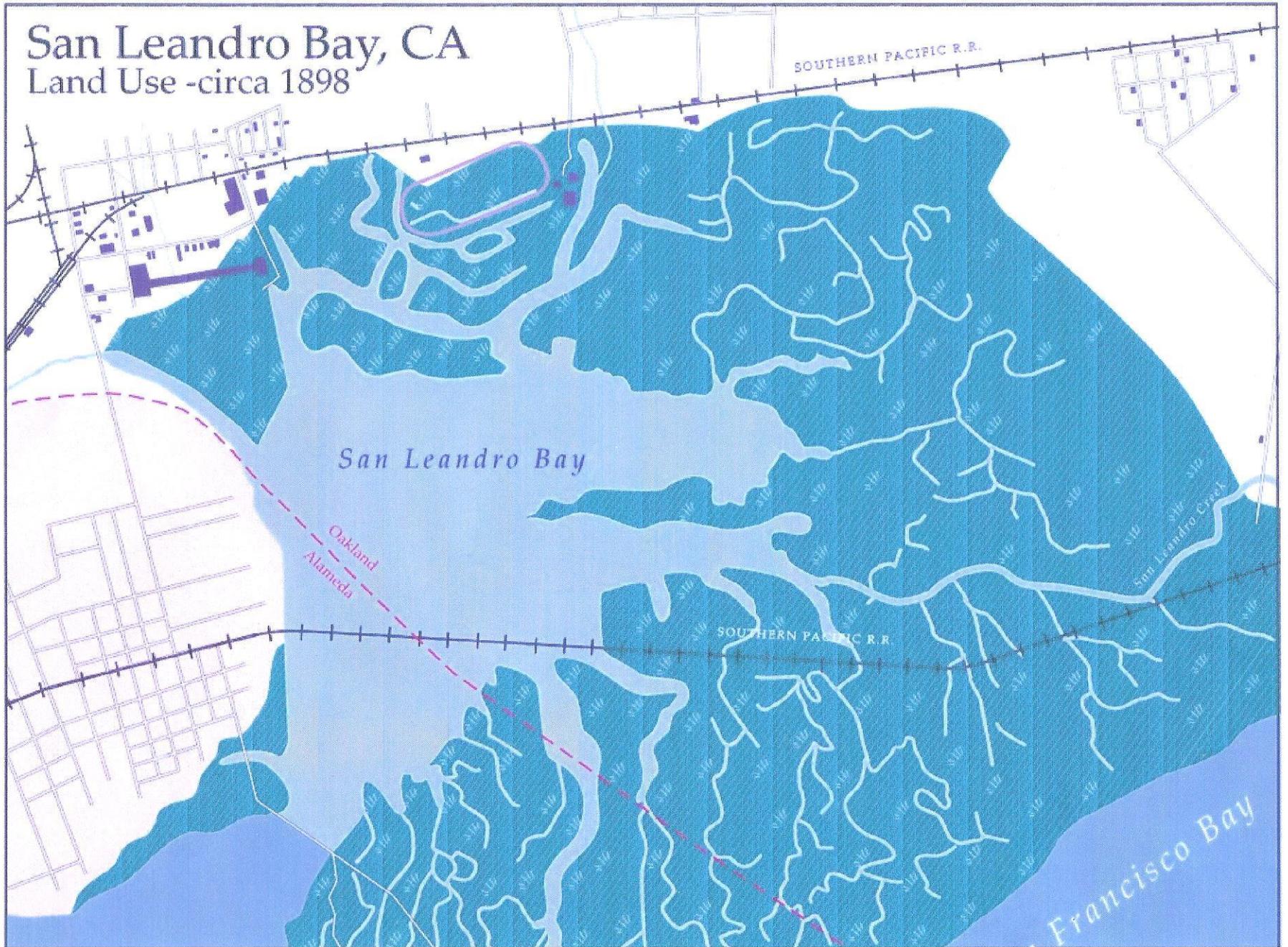


San Leandro Creek: 1853-1993, published 1993[?], p.1

"[In 1853], [t]he [San Leandro] Creek entered the Bay through the tidal mud flats. At low tide, San Leandro Creek winds across the mud through a channel that broadens as it approaches the open water. The Creek bed is wide here, and the water shallow. There is plenty of room for small boats to travel. To either side of the Creek, mudflats stretch as far as the eye can see. Thousands of acres of land along the Bay's eastern shore are submerged daily by incoming tides."

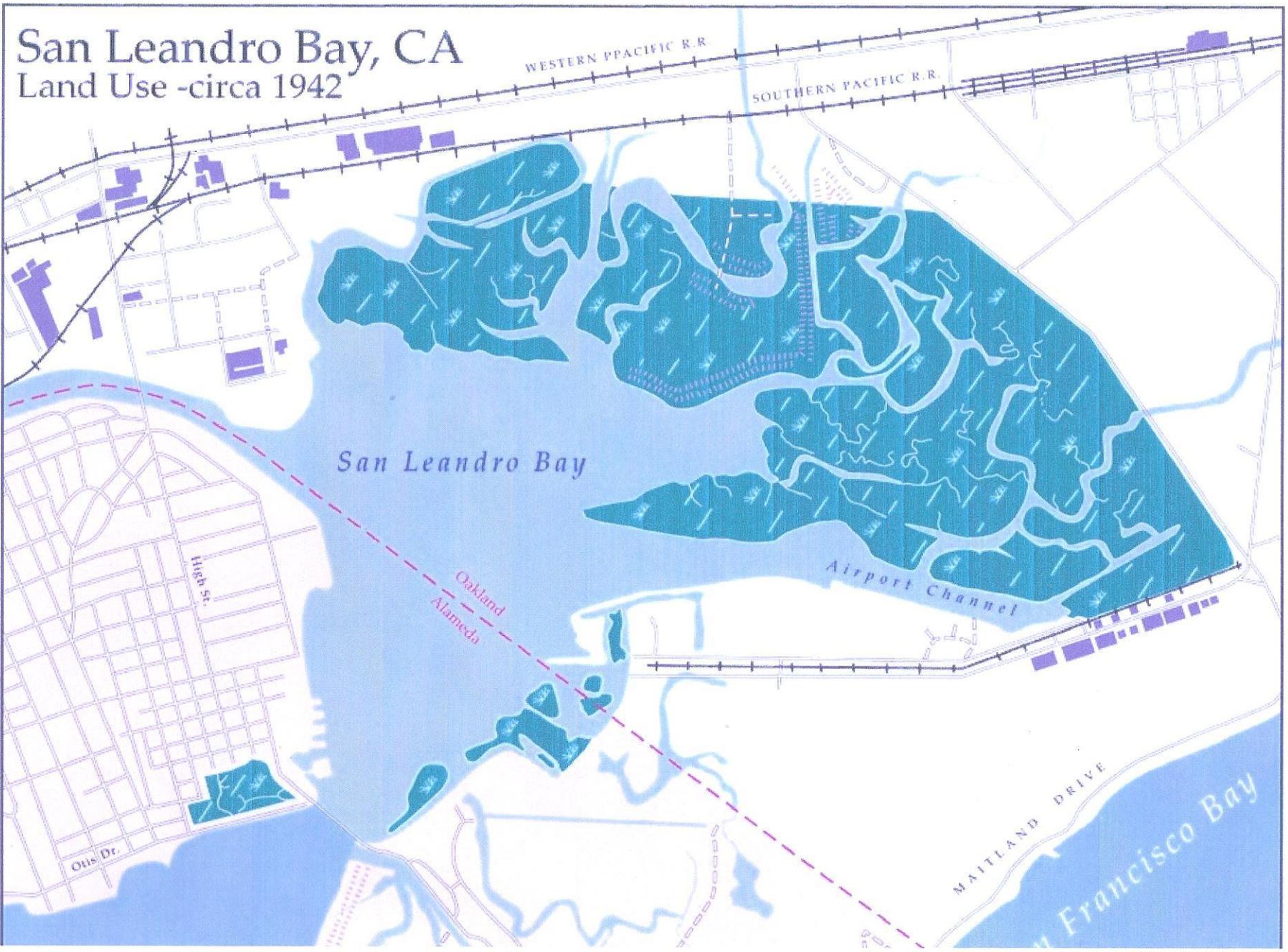
San Leandro Bay, CA

Land Use -circa 1898



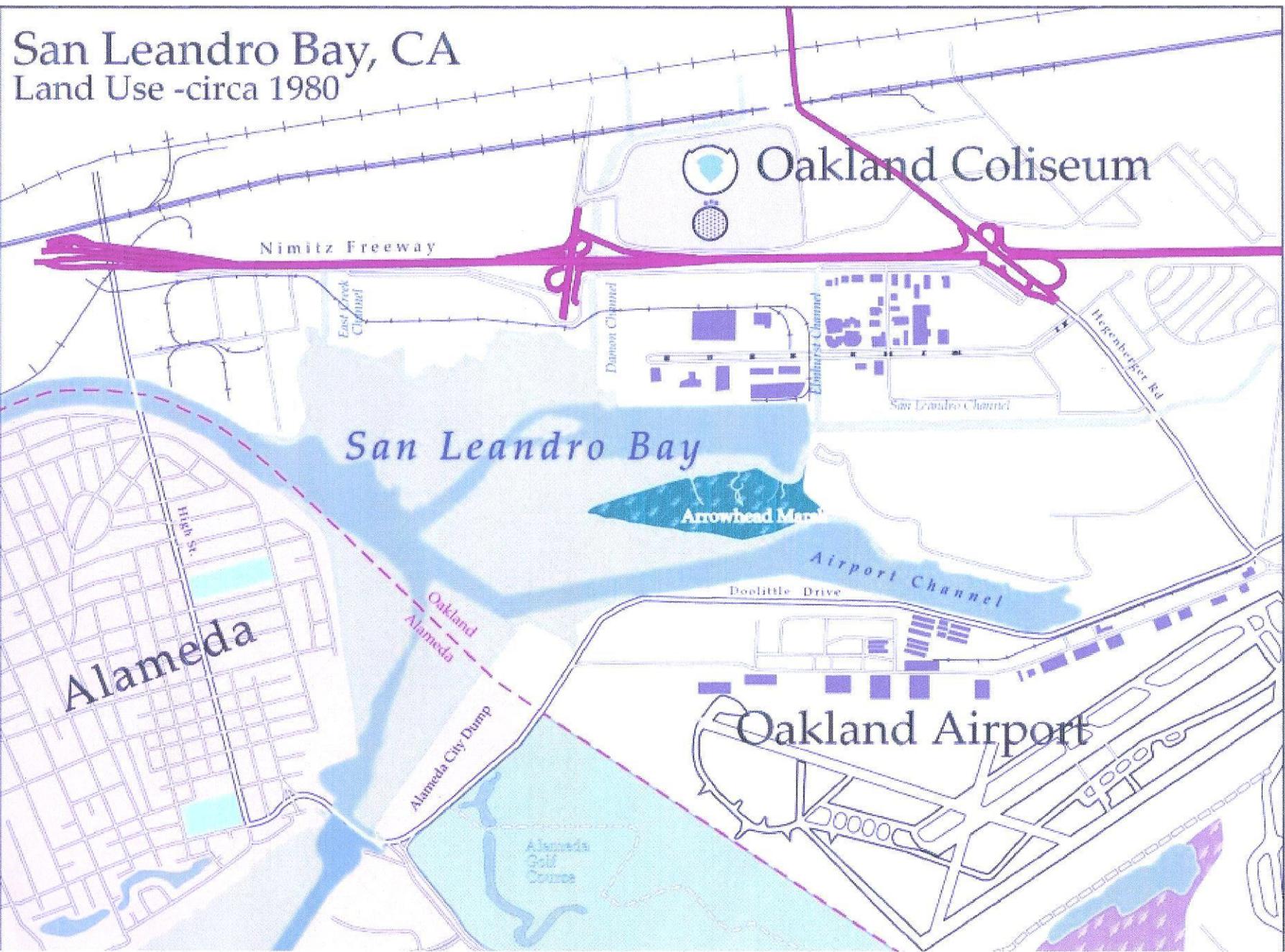
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Land Use -circa 1942



San Leandro Bay, CA

Land Use -circa 1980



Oakland Coliseum

Nimitz Freeway

San Leandro Bay

Arrowhead Marsh

Airport Channel

Alameda

Oakland Airport

Oakland
Alameda

Alameda City Dump

Alameda
Golf
Course

Highway 58

East Creek
Channel

Damon
Channel

Elmhurst
Channel

San Leandro
Channel

Hegenberger Rd

Doolittle Drive

Captain Wm. Roberts 1878



1860s

Woodruff Minor, historian specializing in of City of Alameda history, wrote for the Oakland Museum's "Walk Along the Water":

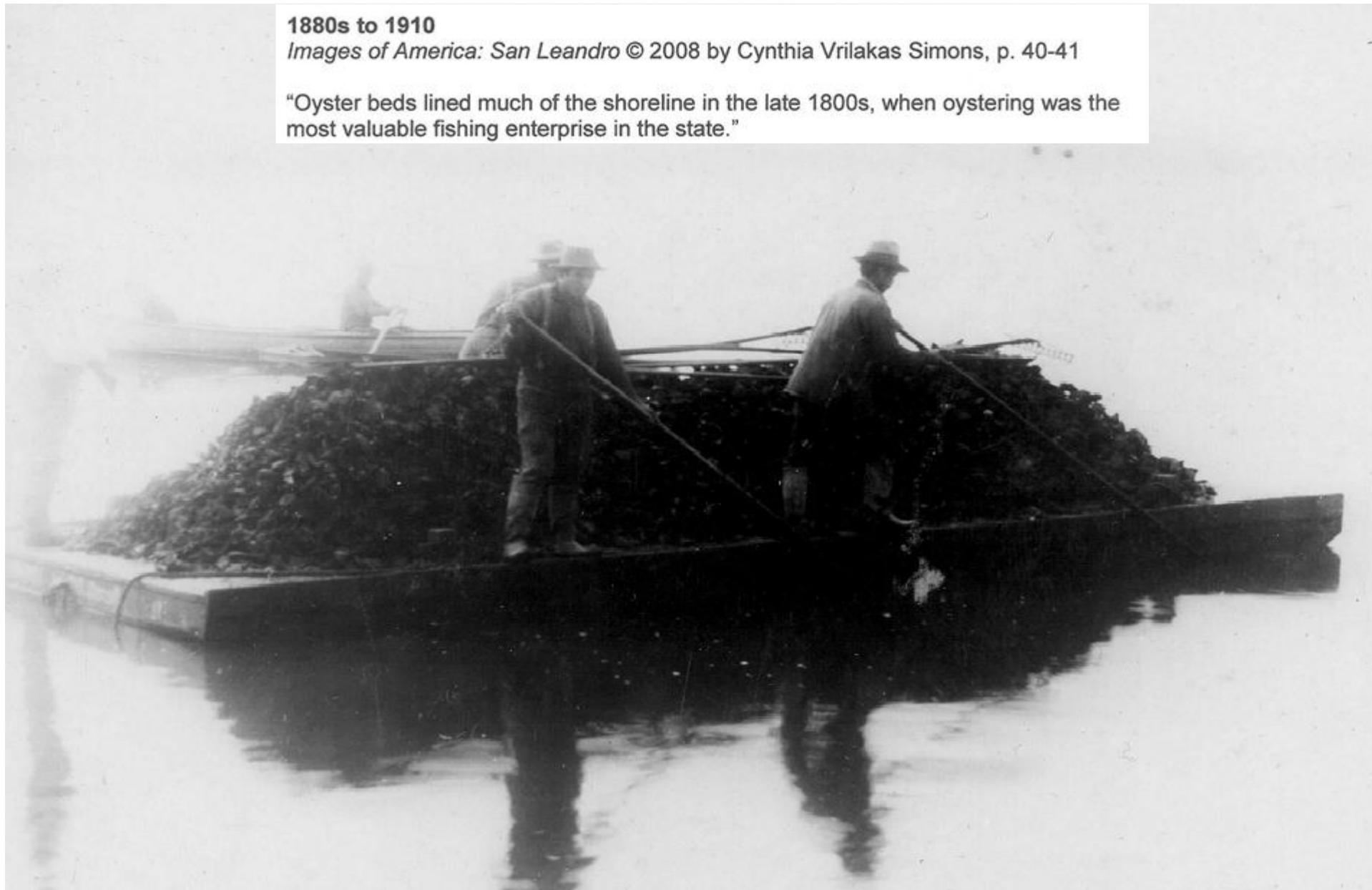
"The marshy north shore of San Leandro boasted only two small boat landings until the 1860s, when a rail line was established near the shore." [Note: these landings were Mulford's Landing and Robert's Landing.]

OYSTER HARVEST 1899

1880s to 1910

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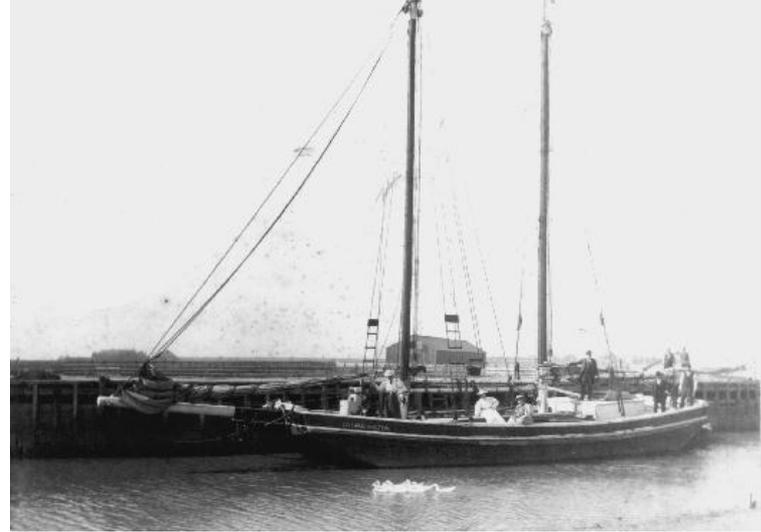
"Oyster beds lined much of the shoreline in the late 1800s, when oystering was the most valuable fishing enterprise in the state."



Shack at Oyster Bed, Mulford Landing - 1900



Sloop, "George Washington", at Wicks Landing on the Mulford Canal



Pile Driving Mulford Gardens 1910



THE GARDEN OF EDEN BEACH AT THE FOOT OF DAVIS STREET

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July 15, 1916

The San Leandro Reporter stated: "The San Leandro beach, the most beautiful surf in Alameda County, for its volumes of snowy sand is attracting hundreds of visitors these warm days."



**San Leandro Shoreline
CIRCA 1920**



San Leandro Marina 1927

Oakland Airport in Background





CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
CALIFORNIA



June 17, 1938

San Leandro Reporter stated: \$300,000 PWA Project Sought: bond issue for City Hall-Sewage Garbage:

"City Manager Ray L. Billings was authorized to prepare plans and specifications for a \$300,000 PWA project that will ultimately give San Leandro a new city hall and a sewage-garbage disposal plant." [These two city bond measures were passed by an overwhelming majority, as reported by the *San Leandro Reporter* on August 19, 1938.]

Note: This plant became the **San Leandro Wastewater Treatment Plant**, located at 2615 Davis Street. It has been in continuous operation since 1939, 73 years ago.

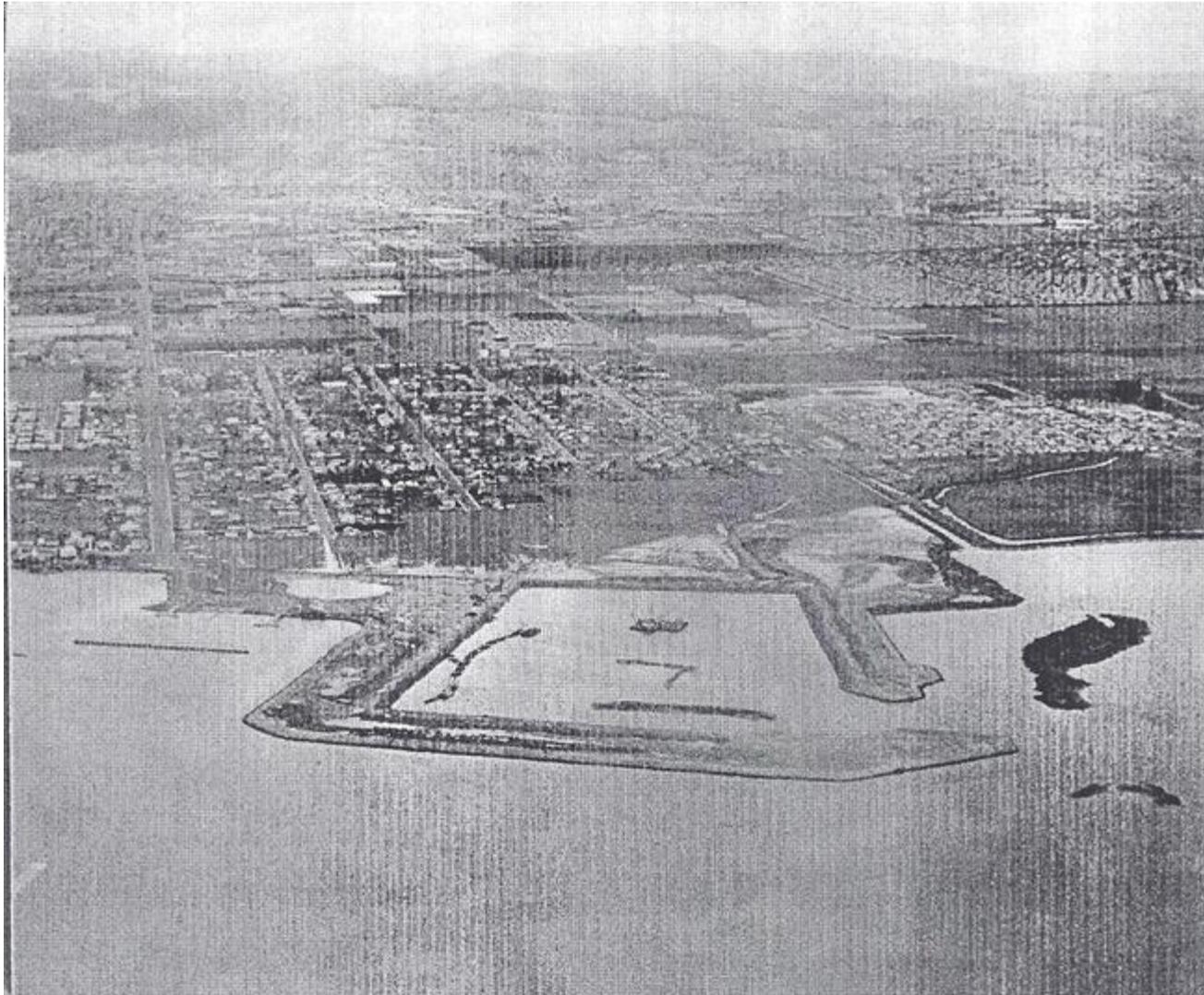
June 4, 1948

San Leandro Reporter stated that: "Plans for a San Leandro Harbor and Aquatic Park were submitted this week by the Chamber of Commerce to the Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District.

The Chamber's tentative plans were developed by the Harbor Development Committee, L.C. McKissick, chairman and indicate old Mulford Landing as the proposed site.

The committee had been gathering its data for the past month. In the layout showing the draftsman's concept of the development the harbor proper would be 600 feet wide and 850 feet long and dredged to a depth of 8 feet.

CIRCA 1960-1962



CIRCA 1963





Historical Landmark Committee 1966

Other Recreation and Sports ; Mulford Point

Deadrich, John ; Portraits, Group ; Ewing, Stephen D. ; Gillock, Albert
F. ; Galvan, Andy ; Suerstedt, William F. ; Lord, Mrs. Cora



Historical Landmark Committee 1966
Wharves and Harbors ; Mulford Point ; San Leandro Marina ;
unknown, Suerstedt, William F. ; Galvan, Andy



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Taken at Mulford Point. Albert F. Gillock,
William F. Suerstedt, James Thacker.
Jack Neavill, Mrs. Cora Lord

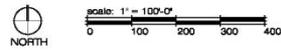


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