



From the  
**PORT OF  
SACRAMENTO**

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Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.....July 22, 1986  
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**PORT CHANNEL DEEPENING AGREEMENT SIGNED**

An agreement between the Port and the United States Government for the deepening of the ship channel was signed in June. The agreement calls for the channel to be deepened from 30 feet to 35 feet. Over the years, vessels have grown in size to take advantage of economies of scale and to better compete for cargos. The increased depth is absolutely essential to handle those vessels. With the deepening, Port customers will be able to utilize those large vessels and continue to market their products on a competitive basis. By sailing with the tides, the vessels will be able to load to 36½ foot draft.

The signing comes after 17 years of studies, that illustrated the economic viability of the Port and benefits gained from its existence while protecting the environment in the process. Only one major step remains before actual work begins. Congress must pass legislation, finalizing an ad valorem maintenance tax. Both the House and Senate have passed bills that are now in conference. It is expected that a bill will be signed by the President during the summer and work is expected to begin in the Spring of '87.

Dennis Clark, interim Port Director, reported this signing in his quarterly report to county and city officials. Clark also reported:

- Large rice movements began in June. 40,000 tons were shipped during the month. An additional 100,000 plus tons are expected to move through the summer.

- James W. Cameron, Jr., was appointed Chairman of the Commission by the Board of Elections. Mr. Cameron has served on the Commission since 1982.

DC/jg/lb

# PORT OF SACRAMENTO

## STATISTICS

	<u>2nd Quarter '86</u>	<u>2nd Quarter '85</u>
Tonnage	327,343	355,740
Vessels	30	23
Cargo Value	\$49,635,177	\$53,271,886
Job Equivalent	158	135