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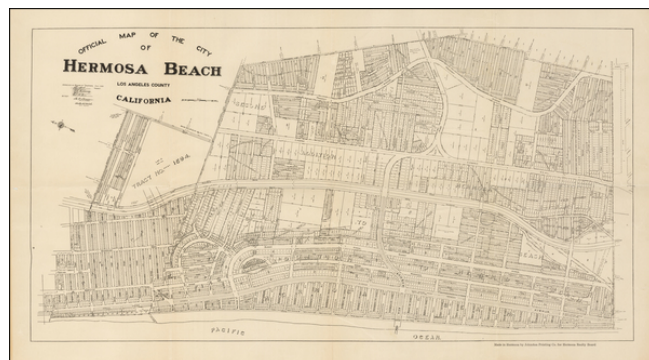
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Official Map of the City of Hermosa Beach Los Angeles County California

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Map Maker: Hermosa Realty Board
Date: 1922 circa
Place: Hermosa Beach
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 28 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Surviving Map of Hermosa Beach

Detailed subdivision map of Hermosa Beach, California, approved by Board of Trustees of Hermosa Beach in January 1922.

The map is oriented with east at the top and shows all of the modern city of Hermosa Beach, with the exception of a small strip in the north.

The map was printed at a time when Hermosa Beach was just starting to grow. For example, the map predates the construction of the Biltmore Hotel, which was started in March 1923.

OCLC locates no separately published maps of Hermosa Beach prior to a 1927 Sanborn map.

Hermosa Beach

Hermosa Beach was originally part of the 1784 Rancho San Pedro Spanish land grant that later became the ten-mile ocean frontage of Rancho Sausal Redondo. In 1900 a tract of 1,500 acres was purchased for \$35 per acre from A. E. Pomroy, then owner of the greater part of Rancho Sausal Redondo. Messrs. Burbank and Baker, agents, bought this land for Sherman and Clark who organized and retained the controlling interest in the Hermosa Beach Land and Water Company,

In early days, Hermosa Beach - like so many of its neighboring cities (Inglewood, Lawndale, Torrance) - was one vast sweep of rolling hills covered with fields of grain, mostly barley. During certain seasons of the year large herds of sheep were grazed over this land, and corrals and large barns for storing the grain, as well as providing shelter for horses and farm implements, were located on the ranch between Hermosa and Inglewood.



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The first official survey was made in the year 1901 for the board walk on the Strand, Hermosa Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue; work on these projects commenced soon after. In 1904 the first pier was built. It was constructed entirely of wood even to the pilings and it extended five hundred feet out into the ocean. The pier was constructed by the Hermosa Beach Land and Water Company. In 1913 this old pier was partly washed away and later torn down and a new one built to replace it. This pier was built of concrete 1,000 feet long, and paved with asphalt its entire length. Small tiled pavilions were erected at intervals along the sides to afford shade for fishermen and picnic parties. Soon after, about 1914, an auditorium building was constructed; it has housed various enterprises and at present the public rest rooms, the Los Angeles Life Guard Service, and the local branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library occupy rooms in the building. This pier is municipally owned.

The Los Angeles Pacific Railway, a "trolley" system, was the first railway in Hermosa Beach, running the entire length of Hermosa Ave. on its way from L.A. to Redondo Beach. A few years later it was merged with most all other "trolley" companies in the region to form the new Pacific Electric Railway Company, informally called the Red Cars.

The Santa Fe Railway was next through Hermosa Beach.

The first city election for city officers was held December 24, 1906. On January 14, 1907, Hermosa Beach became the nineteenth incorporated city of Los Angeles County.

Rarity

The map is very rare. We locate no other examples.

Detailed Condition: