

American Canal Society Canal Index

<p>CANAL: Venice Canals</p> <p>STATE/PROVINCE: California, U.S.A.</p> <p>COUNTIES: Los Angeles</p> <p>LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Center of Canal 6.750 n T and 6.750 n B</p> <p>TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: LOS ANGELES</p>	<p>STATUS</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 55%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">ACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">HAER</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">ENLARGEMENTS</th> <th rowspan="2">DATES IN USE</th> <th colspan="3">L E N G T H</th> <th rowspan="2">LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE</th> </tr> <tr> <th>CANAL</th> <th>SLACKWATER</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1905</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>to</td> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">No Locks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>present</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			ACS			HAER	ENLARGEMENTS	DATES IN USE	L E N G T H			LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE	CANAL	SLACKWATER	TOTAL	1	1905				2	to	No Locks			3	present				4				
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<p>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>This Canal is significant only as a real estate promotion, in 1905 by real estate tycoon Abbot Kinney. One canal in this Venice miniature was even named Grand Canal. Between the canal, lots were sold for housing. Kinney even imported gondolas and gondoliers for the occasion from Italy. The Canal was built quickly one summer in 1905-too quickly, for the Canal sides and bottom were poorly compacted. Retaining walls show this defect for they and the side walks are falling into the Canal in many places. The houses are very poorly kept. This area is middle class to poor.</p> <p>The City of Los Angeles wishes to take over this area and rebuild the Canals. If this ever happens only the rich will live in this area for the high rise prices will force all others to leave.</p>																																				
<p>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The Canal was built in a spot now known as Venice. The canal is shallow and only small boats (not motor driven) are allowed on the waters. The canals are about thirty feet wide and about three blocks long. There are three parallel canals and one at each end of the three canals to form a triangle. The area is about 1.6km x 1.6km. This is a dying community and the area is in full decay. Even if money were to be put into this area many people would not be able to afford even an honest helping hand.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THERE ARE NO LOCKS</p>																																				
<p>NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Citizens Group of Venice, Calif.</p>																																				
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<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif.</p>																																				
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