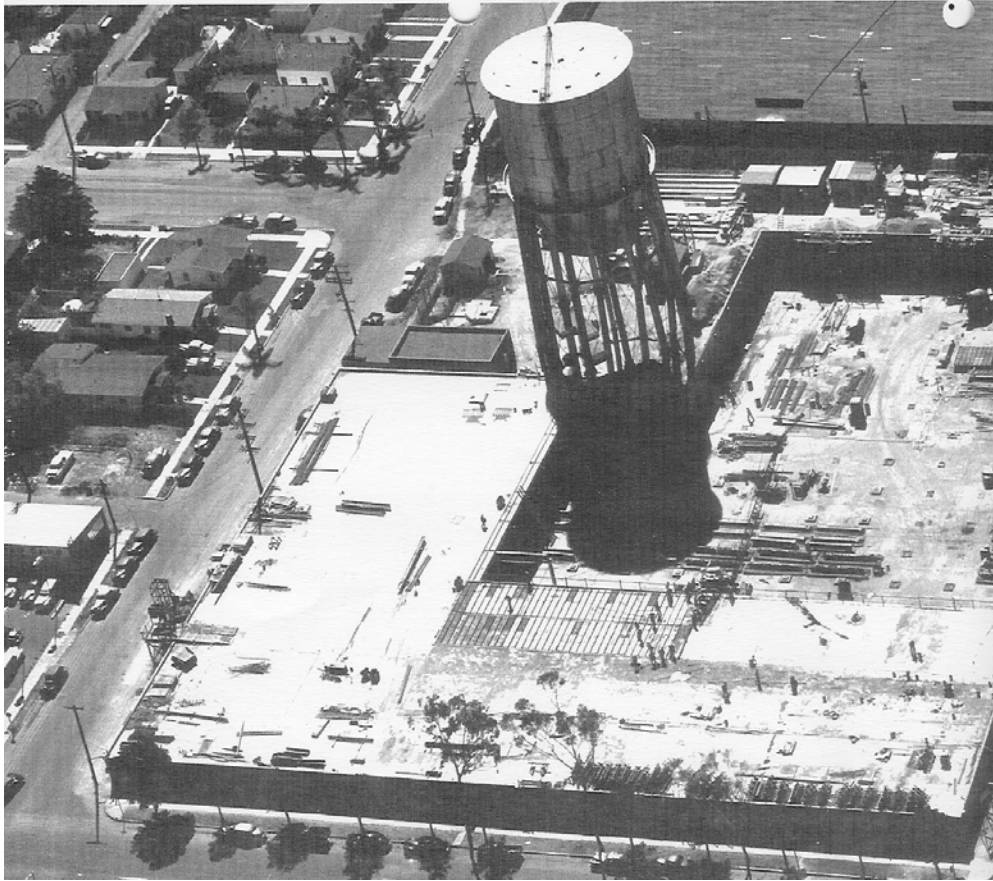


WATER TOWER



Water Tank at Howard and Idaho Streets, 1924

The old system of collecting water pumped up from wells in Mission Valley to a small reservoir on El Cajon Avenue was improved upon during 1907-1908 when a new filter plant and reservoir at Chollas Heights were connected to a new reservoir at Howard and Idaho Streets. A water tank raised above the reservoir built in 1910 provided enough pressure until the 1920's. A new tank with a capacity of 1.2 million gallons was constructed in 1924. The water tower, which is more than 127 feet high, was reputed to be the largest of its kind in the world at the time. The tank is now empty. The North Park Historical Society and University Heights Historical Society are preparing an application for the tank to become a registered historic landmark.

