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County Is Third On Building List

San Diego County was among three leading areas in light construction in the West during March, a construction journal said. The two other high construction areas were the city and county of Los Angeles.

San Diego County issued light construction permits for valuation totaling \$9,750,221. This was about one million dollars less than in 1956.

The city of Los Angeles led the Western area with valuation totaling \$51,937,409. Los Angeles County permits for a valuation of \$31,184,301.

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