



MISSION VIEJO PRESIDENT PHILIP REILLY AND AURORA COUNCIL MEMBER RUTH FOUNTAIN SCAN NEW HOMES.

## Viejo Project Opening Show Homes Sunday

Nine furnished show homes will open to the public Sunday at Mission Viejo Aurora, the \$108 million subdivision under development on 640 acres at E. Hampden Ave. and Chambers Road.

The show homes and a sales office will open at 10 a.m. daily from now on as the project moves toward completion of an eventual 3,200 single-family homes and townhouse units in a preplanned development with stress on recreation and greenbelts.

The show home opening follows a luncheon at Heather-Ridge Country Club for state and county dignitaries by top officials of California-based Mission Viejo Co., a major West Coast homebuilding firm making its debut in the Denver area.

The luncheon was followed by

ceremonies launching construction of a fire station, public library and elementary school set for completion and turnover to the City of Aurora in the summer of 1973.

Construction also has started at Mission Viejo Aurora on a \$500,000 recreation center. First phase of the new center will feature an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna rooms and outdoor tennis courts.

Bob Meek, resident project manager, said 70 purchase agreements have been signed in 60 days of preview prior to the official opening of the new community.

The nine show homes opening to public view on Sunday have a contemporary Spanish motif. They are variations of the Mission Viejo Granada and La Paz models which have been popular in California.

All the nine show homes feature heavy wood exterior beams. Models range from one-story and two-story to tri-level with a choice of one or two bedrooms and two or three bathrooms.

The models are clustered around a central courtyard featuring expansive lawn areas and a decorative fountain.

The first phase of Mission Viejo Aurora will consist of 41 La Paz homes and 50 Granada homes. La Paz homes are priced from \$35,750 and Granada homes from \$27,995.

Value of the homes for which contracts already have been signed is more than \$2.7 million, according to Phillip J. Reilly of California, Mission Viejo president and a vice president of Phillip Morris, Inc., the cigarette firm which purchased 51 per cent interest in the Mission Viejo Co. in January 1970 and has an agreement to acquire the remaining 49 per cent.

The new community is within the Cherry Creek School District. Its first elementary school will open in the fall of 1973.

Mission Viejo, just south of Los Angeles, the building firm's first project in 1963, now is a community of 20,000 persons, Reilly said.

Along with Meek, chief company officers for the Aurora development include Jeff Lodder, director of operations of the company's environmental systems division, and Ron Kirchoff, who will take over from Lodder on Oct. 1 to direct engineering construction work during the subdivision's development.