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CWRA URGES STATE AND WESTERN DELTA INTERESTS TO EXPEDITE WATER AGREEMENTS

Consummation of prompt and equitable water supply arrangements between the DWR and Contra Costa County and Western Delta interests in order to prevent costly litigation which would affect federal, state and local project areas was urged by the CWRA Board in an August 2 letter sent DWR Director WILLIAM R. GIANELLI and Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County.

Signed by E. F. DIBBLE, CWRA President, the letter stated:

"In the sincere belief that Delta interests as well as federal, state and local project areas over a major part of California have a tremendous stake in the prompt settlement of controversial water issues in the Delta, the California Water Resources Association urges the Department of Water Resources and the Delta water interests to intensify their efforts toward prompt consummation of equitable water supply arrangements such as have been agreed upon by the Contra Costa County Water District and others.

"Failure to reach prompt and equitable terms and continued controversy would undoubtedly prove extremely expensive to water users and taxpayers in the Delta and in the state generally. Such controversy definitely would not produce any new water supply or improvement in water quality. On the contrary, it would result in serious loss of time needed for construction of water projects to provide these and other necessary water supplies."

The CWRA action followed a decision by the Contra Costa County Supervisors June 20 to ask the District Attorney to investigate the possibilities of a suit against the State over Delta water quality.

DWR STUDY OF GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE REPORT — CWRA SEPTEMBER MEETING SUBJECT

Findings of a special high level DWR committee created to review and implement the Governor's Water Resources Task Force Report which estimated the State Water Project faces a funding deficiency of from \$300 to \$600 million will be discussed September 8 by DWR Deputy Director JOHN R. TEERINK, during a CWRA Water Leaders' Luncheon in Santa Barbara.

Water, government and civic leaders from Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties will attend the affair at the Miramar Hotel at 12 noon. (Call Catering Mgr. 805-969-2203 for reservations.)

"Our principal efforts are directed at a thorough examination of the Project to determine what can be done to minimize the fund deficiency and to develop alternative course of action to meet the deficiency," DWR Director William R. Gianelli told CWRA concerning the committee work.

A draft report by the Committee, headed by ALFRED R. GOLZE, Dep. DWR Director, will be completed about September 1.

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CONSTRUCTION STRETCH-OUT FOR PART OF EAST BRANCH BEING STUDIED BY DWR

Several hundred concerned business and government leaders from San Bernardino and Riverside Counties were told by DWR Director William R. Gianelli July 28 that the State is considering alternative timings for completion of the East Branch of the State Water Project from the South Portal of the San Bernardino Tunnel to and including Perris Reservoir.

Gianelli estimated that capital funds released by six of the alternatives during the period 1967-72 would range from \$16.274 million if all facilities were completed except Devil Canyon Powerplant, to be constructed in 1980, to \$115.078 million, if all facilities were deferred until 1980 from and including Devil Canyon Powerplant as well as Perris Reservoir.

A decision will be reached before the end of the year, "keeping in mind that commitments to Water Supply Contractors are paramount," and completion of the East Branch facilities by 1980 is "mandatory," he said.

The CWRA was told that there is concern in the area that the maximum stretch-out described will have an adverse effect on its economy, particularly on the rate of growth which would be stimulated by the many recreation and other benefits of Perris Reservoir. Local water leaders contend the Reservoir would provide a secured water reserve in the area. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors, various cities, Eastern Municipal Water District, the Western Municipal Water District, various chambers of commerce, etc., have started a campaign to obtain a firm commitment from the State administration that the reservoir will be completed in 1972, as originally scheduled.

Gianelli warned that the Governor's Water Resources Task Force had found that Project funding deficiencies under certain assumptions could approach \$300 million by 1972 and \$600 million by 1985.

He said there were four ways to meeting the problem: 1) Defer certain phases of the State Water Project, permitting revenues to accumulate; 2) Explore the possibility of issuing further revenue bonds covering revenues from project power plants; 3) Ask the people to approve sale of new general obligation bonds in addition to the \$1.75 billion issue approved in 1960 (Gianelli opined passage would be difficult); 4) Early release of offset tidelands oil revenues to be replaced later.

ALL-CALIFORNIA APPROACH TO WATER DEVELOPMENT
KEYNOTES HISTORIC JOINT MEETING

The North Coast proposed that Congress study possible export of its water as an initial source to offset shortages in the Colorado River because it wants to be "an economically viable part of the State," a historic joint meeting of the Boards of the Eel River Association and the CWRA was told July 14 in Mill Valley.

"We need regional planning—if we can only get it by studying North Coast water first, it should be explored. We are seeing on Congressional Committees increasing resistance to California projects and there must be give and take on all sides if the West is to have a regional water program," said JEROME B. GILBERT, Eel River Association Director and CWRA Advisory Board member, during a luncheon panel discussion attended by some 200 civic, water and government leaders.

Supervisor IGNACIO VELLA of Sonoma County and Supervisor HARVEY SAWYERS of Mendocino County said the Eel River Association, a joint powers agency, might ultimately be expanded to become "an overall North Coast district," with power to construct projects, tax, etc. Vella criticized what he called the "intransigent position" of the State in Colorado River matters.

CWRA President E. F. Dibble and CWRA Vice Presidents JAMES H. TURNER and JOSEPH E. PATTEN emphasized that CWRA, in intra-state water matters, obtains the facts, analyzes them, develops understanding and policy and informs the public.

In the regional water field, CWRA "tries to encourage the water people of the West to cooperate and work together," Dibble said.

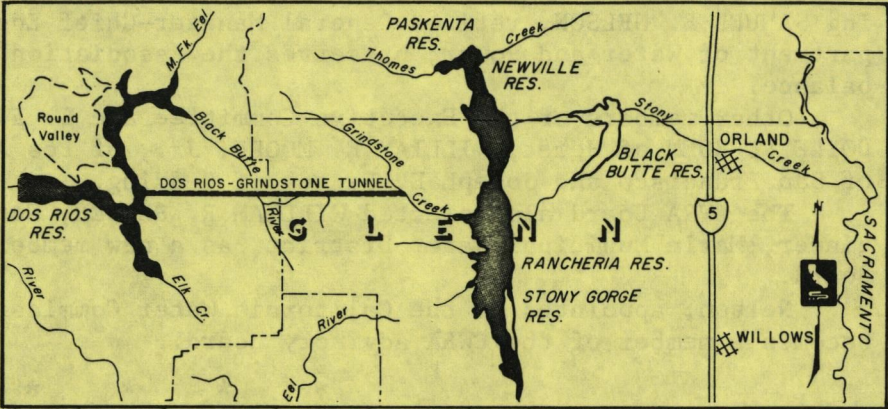
"The Eel River Association's objectives are the same as ours—the orderly development of water resources of California," Dibble concluded.

DWR PICKS GLENN-TEHAMA COUNTY ROUTE FOR MIDDLE FORK EEL RIVER DIVERSION

Selection of the more economical easterly Glenn-Tehama County diversion route for the Middle Fork Eel River Project—designed to supply the State Water Project with 900,000 acre feet annually of surplus water—was announced by the DWR which rejected a route southward via Clear Lake to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The project is expected to be completed by 1985.

The approved route would involve a combination of Dos Rios Reservoir on the Middle Fork Eel River, the Dos Rios Grindstone Tunnel through the Coast Range and features of the Glenn Reservoir Complex.

After the announcement was made by John R. Teerink, DWR Deputy Director before a joint luncheon of the CWRA and Eel River Association, Supervisor CARL DENNER of Lake County announced his county would oppose the decision and had the matter referred to the Eel River Assoc. Executive Committee for study. Denner took issue with a finding in Teerink's report that the southerly diversion would not appreciably affect water quality at Clear Lake.



GLENN-TEHAMA ROUTING

STATE WATER PROJECT COST SOARS

In just four years, estimated cost of the State Water Project has jumped nearly \$800 million, a CWRA analysis reveals.

DWR Bulletin 132-63 issued in 1963 showed an estimated cost of \$2.053 billion—which had climbed in Bulletin 132-67, just issued, to \$2.814 billion.

On January 28, 1966, after a conference with then State Finance Director HALE CHAMPION and former DWR Director WILLIAM E. WARNE, CWRA President E. F. Dibble summarized information received with the statement:

"Both Mr. Champion and Mr. Warne gave assurance that for the foreseeable future these amounts (\$16 million annually appropriated to the Project from tidelands revenues) would be adequate to fund the capital costs of the project when combined with water bond funds and other sources."

On May 12, 1967, Governor RONALD REAGAN's Water Resources Task Force predicted a \$300 to \$600 million funding deficiency for the Project, blaming such factors as:

Freezing of \$200 million of tidelands oil funds for later additional conservation projects; allocation of \$130 million for local projects under Davis-Grunsky Act; legislative diversion to other purposes of other anticipated tideland funds, originally dedicated to water development; escalation of construction costs and enlargement of project yield.

NEW CITIZENS COMMITTEE TACKLES SAN JOAQUIN DRAIN IMPASSE

A San Joaquin Valley Drainage Advisory Group, whose Chairman is JOSEPH SUMMERS, Corcoran, consulting engineer to the Tulare Lake Drainage District with JAMES SORENSON of Visalia as vice chairman, was set up June 2 in Fresno with the objectives of: 1) Finding a means of cutting the estimated \$105 million cost of the 280-mile-long San Joaquin Valley Master Drain from Bakersfield to the Delta proposed by the DWR and 2) Arriving at a formula for repayment by drain users of the reimbursable State drain costs.

The advisory group to the DWR met July 13 and will meet again late in August to consider the unsuccessful attempt last March of the DWR to either set up a valley-wide district to contract for drainage service, or get potential drainage customers to agree to pay State drain costs. Failing in these avenues, DWR Director Gianelli decided not to participate in the San Luis Interceptor Drain, running from Kettleman City to the Delta, which will be built by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The CWRA plans to meet with this group October 13 in Fresno.

DEVITO NAMED MEMBER OF CWRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Action of the CWRA on July 14 in naming JOHN E. DEVITO, General Manager, Contra Costa County Water District, to the CWRA Executive Committee, succeeding SAMUEL B. NELSON, retired General Manager-Chief Engineer, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, preserves the Association's traditional statewide balance.

Other members of the Executive Committee are E. F. Dibble of Redlands, DOYLE F. BOEN of Hemet, WILLIAM E. MOORE, Jr., of Los Angeles, James H. Turner of San Francisco and Joseph E. Patten of Redding.

The CWRA Board also elected WILLIAM R. SEEGER, General Manager-Chief Engineer, Marin Municipal Water District, as a new member of the CWRA Advisory Board.

Nelson, appointed to the California Water Commission by Governor Reagan, becomes a member of the CWRA Advisory Board.



DEVITO



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STATE PROJECT WATER TO BE CHEAPER THAN DESALTED WATER

Water delivered from the State Water Project to MWD at two delivery points near San Bernardino will average approximately \$54 per acre-foot in 1991, according to Alfred R. Golze, DWR Deputy Director.

Water from MWD sea water conversion plant to be built in Orange County, delivered at the Yorba Linda treatment plant will cost about \$90 per acre foot, according to MWD.

To arrive at an approximate comparative cost of water from the two sources requires consideration of a number of factors, officials of DWR and MWD agree. For instance, MWD says a value of \$12 per acre foot should be placed on the distilled water from the desalting plant because of its value in upgrading water quality, bringing the comparative cost of desalted water down to \$78 per acre foot. In addition, it would cost about \$15 per acre foot to transport State water from either Devil Canyon or Perris Reservoir to Yorba Linda Plant, which would boost the comparative cost of State water to \$69 per acre foot.

But Golze points out that in such computations, State water could probably be delivered cheaper from Castaic Reservoir via the Foothill Feeder.

MWD officials stress that the \$90 per acre foot cost figure for desalted water at Yorba Linda does not take into account a federal capital contribution of \$61 million to cover benefits of research and development. Total cost of the desalting plant and the related nuclear power generating facilities will be \$444 million.

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FROM THE TAP

SB-1046, providing a one time \$8.268 million allocation for State Water Project nonreimbursable recreation, etc., costs from tidelands oil revenues, passed Assembly Aug. 4 and sent to Governor, while Senate Water Resources Cmte set Sept. 6 for interim hearing in Sacramento on future State policy to govern repayment of nonreimbursable costs of State Water Project.....L. A. Dept. of Water & Power asked State Board of Equalization to wipe out \$1.182 million "export tax" imposed by Inyo and Mono Counties on L. A. High Sierra water supply explaining that the City already pays \$1.493 million in normal property taxes..... DWR awarded \$19.638 million contract to Guy F. Atkinson Co. for Tehachapi Pumping Plant superstructure, etc.....Pre-trial of litigation over 160-acre limitation in Imperial Valley set for Aug. in San Diego U.S. Court.....DWR says Oroville Dam topping-out ceremony now planned for next Spring.....Governor Reagan will preside at Delta pumping plant dedication Sept. 9.

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CALENDAR

Thurs.	Sept. 7 --	2:00 p.m.	CWRA Committee Meetings, Miramar Hotel, Santa Barbara.
Fri.	Sept. 8 --	9:00 a.m.	CWRA Board Meeting, Miramar Hotel, Santa Barbara.
		12:00 noon	CWRA Water Leaders' Luncheon, featuring DWR Report on Project Financing Deficiency, Miramar Hotel, Santa Barbara.

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