

December 10, 1930:

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Application 5169, 5170, 6534

Washoe County Water
Conservation District,
Cladianos Building,
Reno, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 6 last enclosing a copy of tentative draft of principles agreed upon in connection with the allocation of waters of Truckee River watershed. We also acknowledge receipt of copy of your letter to Senator Oddie and copy of proposed bill requesting appropriation for the construction of impounding dams and other improvements in the headwaters of Truckee River. In view of the progress which is being made towards an adjustment of the protests and the settlement of other controversial matters in the watershed an extension to July 1, 1931 is hereby allowed.

Very truly yours,

Harold Conkling
Deputy in Charge of Water Rights.

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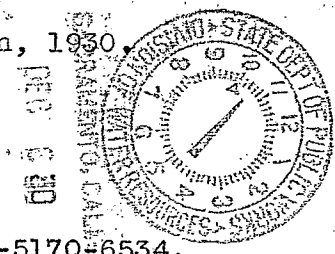
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December 6th, 1930

State of California,
Division of Water Rights,
Sacramento, California.



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Re: Application 5169-5170-6534.

Gentlemen:-

On November 7th last past the writer conferred in your offices with Messrs. Hyatt, Conkling and Edson with reference to the above-numbered applications and particularly concerning various items in your letter addressed to this district under date of October 9th, 1930.

At that time the original tracing mentioned in the letter was returned to your office. Also the revised description of the lands to be irrigated was submitted in correct form. All other points effecting these applications, as set forth in your letter of October 9th, were discussed in detail with Mr. Edson and the understanding reached that in view of the present status of this district a extension of six months would be granted upon submission of a letter setting forth the circumstances as related to Mr. Edson. Accordingly we submit herewith a brief of the local situation effecting the above-numbered applications.

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In 1926 the Federal Court of this district issued a temporary restraining order covering the use of all the waters of the Truckee River. This restraining order embodied a proposed decree adjudicating the waters of the Truckee River and was issued as the result of a suit involving all interests covering a period from 1913 to the time of issue of the restraining order. The Court at that time appointed a Federal Water Master to enforce said order.

Since the construction of the Newlands Reclamation Project by the United States beginning in 1902, which project derives a portion of its waters from the Truckee River, there has been a conflict of irrigation interests. In this conflict there is also involved the Sierra Pacific Power Company and the rights to storage and waters of Lake Tahoe.

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During the past eleven years there have occurred five years of serious shortage of water for irrigation on the Truckee River, which condition makes desirable the construction of reservoirs upstream from Reno to conserve waters annually wasted to Lake Pyramid during the flood season. At different times preliminary efforts have been made by various interests to promote the construction of storage works with a view to providing insurance against shortages. However, the opposition resulting from conflicting claims and rights has effectually prevented any such construction to-date.

In June 1929 the majority of the users of waters of the Truckee River for irrigation situated in what is known as Truckee Meadows, legally organized an irrigation district now known as the Washoe County Water Conservation District. The purpose of this organization was to bring about a settlement of the conflicting claims as to water rights and provide storage to be used during the periods of drought. Immediately subsequent to the organization of this district the various interests along the Truckee River began negotiations with a view to terminating the existing conflicts and provide necessary storage, and accordingly appointed a joint committee of engineers to investigate not only the possibilities for developing necessary storage but to make recommendations for an agreement or stipulation involving all interests. Without such an agreement many years of costly litigation were in sight which would act as an effective barrier to development of storage. This engineering committee on May 12th 1930 submitted a report covering the water supply, storage possibilities and certain suggestions for an amicable determination of the relative rights for distribution of the waters of the Truckee River as effecting users in Nevada.

Since the submission of the aforementioned report negotiations have been constantly in progress in an effort to arrive at an agreement or solution satisfactory to all interests involved, and though progress has apparently been slow, it has been sure, and a point has now been reached where there is practically 100% agreement as between all the irrigation interests with the Sierra Pacific Power Company yet to declare its approval or dis-approval of the proposed stipulation. A copy of a memorandum as of December 5th, 1930 covering the basic principals of this stipulation is enclosed herewith in order that you may see the foundation of completion of negotiations for construction of up-stream storage under some, if not all, of the applications herein referred to.

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If a stipulation and agreement were not reached, as between the interests, there would obviously be protests to all of the applications involved, however, ~~as~~ the proposed stipulation is reached all such protests will be automatically removed and the interests will jointly own and develop the proposed storage under these applications.

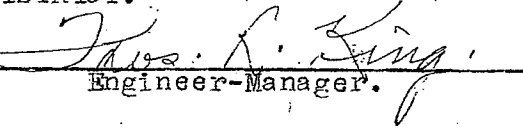
As a further evidence of the likelihood of an agreement and construction of storage we enclose a copy of a letter addressed to Honorable Tasker L. Oddie, U. S. Senator from Nevada, together with a copy of the Bill covering an appropriation for the construction of the storage proposed. This letter and Bill were forwarded airmail to Senator Oddie December 5th, 1930, for the reason that we believe negotiations have reached a point where all parties are in accord as to principles involved and there remains only the details before it will be signed.

In view of the situation, as above outlined, we respectfully request an extension to July 1st, 1931 before any hearings are held covering these applications.

Very truly yours,

WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT.

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Engineer-Manager.

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