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Applications 5169, 5170, 6534

Mr. George C. Devore visited the office on April 23 and conferred with L. C. Jopson and the writer regarding the above-numbered applications.

Mr. Devore had with him a map upon which was shown the proposed Stampede Reservoir and a power house on the Truckee River. The plan appears very similar to that shown in the recent U. S. Bureau of Reclamation applications to appropriate from the Little Truckee River. Mr. Devore stated that the Sierra Pacific Power Company and Washoe County Water Conservation District will probably wish to petition for certain changes under the above-numbered filings. The changes would consist principally of the inclusion of Stampede Reservoir as a place of storage and the naming of Boca Reservoir as a place of alternate storage. The place of use under the power filing would be changed to the new power house on the Truckee River. Mr. Devore stated that the average runoff of the Little Truckee River will usually be insufficient to fill both Stampede and Boca reservoirs and since Stampede Reservoir is upstream, it will be utilized until its capacity is full and any excess waters will be stored in Boca Reservoir. In this way, the full power head available from the Stampede Reservoir can be utilized.

Mr. Devore was advised that it would appear proper to submit an amended Application 5170 and new maps to complete the application in accordance with the amended plan and at the same time to submit petitions for change in point of diversion under Applications 5169 and 6534. Notice

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of the application and of the petitions could then be published at the same time and any hearing which may be necessary could include both the application and the changes.

Mr. Devore stated that he believed the time was a little premature to proceed as above proposed, inasmuch as authorization for the construction of Stampede Reservoir has not been given by Congress. Mr. Devore was advised that in order to keep the record clear he should submit a letter requesting a further extension of time within which to complete Application 5170 and setting forth the reasons for the extension. No further action is necessary in connection with Applications 5169 and 6531 at this time inasmuch as Application 5169 has been licensed and Application 6531 is under extension to December 1, 1958, to complete the use of water.

Another matter with which Mr. Devore was concerned was the possibility of executing an interstate compact with regard to the allocation of the waters of the Carson and Truckee rivers. Inasmuch as the State of California is the upstream state on both these streams and the doctrine of riparian rights is recognized in California, the Nevada interests are somewhat concerned that upstream development may proceed under its riparian claim to the detriment of the lower users in Nevada. It was recognized by Mr. Jopson and Mr. Devore that such a compact may be desirable to promote orderly development to the fullest extent of the water resources available, to protect existing rights, and to insure equitable use of the waters available. Mr. Devore was advised by Mr. Jopson that the California Water Plan will show water requirements on both the Carson and Truckee river watersheds for irrigable lands in the State of California. Furthermore in furtherance of the coordinated plan the California Department of Finance has filed applications for appropriation of water at the Hope Reservoir site on the west fork of the Carson River.

Still another matter which was discussed was the possibility of arriving at an agreement for handling applications to appropriate water in the Lake Tahoe watershed. Our present policy with regard to such applications is to act upon, and providing the application is carried through to the final stage, to approve such applications as may propose appropriation for recreational, domestic and municipal purposes, and that on applications proposing irrigation full consideration would be given to the existing conditions in the area. Further discussion of these items will be desired by Mr. Devere in due course.

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