

## COTTONWOOD CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 1997

The annual meeting of the Cottonwood Creek Distribution System was called to order by Chairman Eugene Johansen at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Johansen asked Mark Page to read the minutes of the 1996 meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, a motion was made by Jay Mark Humphrey, and seconded by Mark H. Williams to accept the minutes. All present voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Johansen asked Lee Sim to review the 1996 Financial Statement. Mr. Sim indicated that as of January 1, 1996, there was \$6,473.35 in the Trust Account. Receipts for the year totalled \$11,777.23, which included \$11,394.88 in regular assessments, \$46.03 in delinquent penalties, and \$336.32 in interest. Expenditures for the year totalled \$12,402.41. It should be noted that over expenditures occurred in the social security, retirement, and travel expenses in the total amount of \$221.20. As of December 31, 1996, there was \$5,848.17 in the Trust Account. A motion was made by Mark H. Williams, and seconded by Jay Mark Humphrey to accept the Financial Statement as read. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was a brief report from Commissioner Clyde Magnuson concerning his activities in 1996. Mr. Magnuson indicated that a total of 43,043 acre-feet of water was used for irrigation purposes during the year, of which 3514 acre-feet was project water, and 35,529 acre-feet was primary water. UP&L Company used 6832 acre-feet of primary water, and 7445 acre-feet of project water, for a total of 14,277 acre-feet. On January 1, 1996, there was 42,000 acre-feet of water in storage at Joe's Valley Reservoir, compared to 45,000 acre-feet in January of 1997. A question was raised concerning the report of the Grimes Wash figure. Pages 11 and 25 of the report indicate a total of the flow measured on the wash, not the volume diverted for irrigation purposes. The irrigation diversion was estimated to be 50 acre-feet of water in 1996. There was also some concern about the figure for the Johnson Ditch.

A brief discussion followed concerning the Reeder Creek Subdivision diversions. The Company is trying to negotiate with the Olsens to allow all of the subdivision users to divert from the upper point and run a pipeline parallel with the creek to each lot with water. Once everything is in place, the appropriate paper work will be filed with the Division of Water Rights.

It should be noted that according to the NRCS Snotel data for February 26, 1997, there was 138% of average of snow water equivalent at the Seely Creek station. Red Pine Ridge is at 121%, and 178% is reported at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site. The February 1, 1997 stream flow forecast into Joe's Valley Reservoir is predicted to be 85,000 acre-feet, which is 160% of average.

Chairman Johansen conducted the next item of business, which was the preparation of a budget for 1997. Mr. Sim indicated that in order for the Commissioner to participate in the state retirement system, a minimum salary must be paid. He indicated that this would effect the Commissioner's salary on this system. Following a brief discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Salary	\$8000.00
Social Security	612.00
Retirement	1240.00
Travel Expense	2300.00
Bonding Expense	100.00
Health & Life Insurance	150.00
Annual Report	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$12,700.00

A motion was made by Blain Tuttle to accept the budget as prepared, and to set the assessment at \$12,700.00. Jay Mark Humphrey seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chairman Johansen indicated that the next item of business would be the recommendation of a commissioner for the 1997 irrigation season to the State Engineer. Mr. Johansen made a motion that the rules be suspended, and Clyde Magnuson be retained by acclamation. Mark H. Williams seconded the motion. All present voted in the affirmative.

The appointment of a committee was the next item of business brought before the water users. Eugene Johansen made a motion to retain the same individuals for 1997, with the exception of Blaine Tuttle to replace Ross Huntington, representing the Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Company. Jay Mark Humphrey seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Therefore, the 1997 committee will be as follows:

Eugene Johansen	Chairman
Blaine Tuttle	CCCIC
Kyle Singleton	Industrial Users
Arthur Olsen	Upper Users
Mark H. Williams	Lower Users

Chairman Johansen mentioned several issues to the water users that he was concerned about. He is anxious to have the Division of Water Rights complete the pending adjudication on the San Rafael Drainage, particularly as it relates to federal water claims. He also mentioned the water replacement legislation that should be passed the 1997 State Legislature. This new law will help protect "state appropriated" water rights from interference by local mining interests.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price
Mark H. Williams	Mill Ditch
Jay Mark Humphrey	Emery Water Conservancy District
Eugene Johansen	CCCIC - Emery Water Cons. District
Clyde J. Magnuson	Cottonwood Creek Commissioner
Blaine Tuttle	CCCIC