

COTTONWOOD CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING - 1984

The annual meeting of the Cottonwood Creek Distribution System was called to order by Mr. Earl Staker, Deputy State Engineer on February 29, 1984 at 9:40 a.m. Mr. Staker indicated that Mr. Don Norseth who had been the directing engineer over distribution had retired in December of 1983 and that he had recently been replaced by Mr. Richard Hall.

It was noted that as of February 24, 1984, the snow forecast indicated that the Price-San Rafael River Systems as a whole were presently at 159%. More specifically, Seely Creek is 182%, Red Pine Ridge is 157%, and Mammoth Cottonwood is 166%.

Mr. Staker also made the group aware of a new law that will come into effect during the spring of 1984 that will give the State Engineer authority to require the release of water from reservoirs when public safety is endangered. Decisions to require a release for this purpose will have to go through the Public Safety Commissioner and an appointed board that will review each situation individually. It is hoped that those owning reservoirs will work with the Division in this regard. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Eugene Johansen, Chairman of the Cottonwood System to conduct the business.

The first item of business was the reading of the minutes from the 1983 meeting. Mr. Staker read the minutes and a motion was made by Lee Humphrey to accept the minutes. A second was made by Ray Jorgensen and the motion passed.

Mr. Johansen then asked that Mr. Staker give the financial report of 1983. It was noted that as of January 1, 1983, the balance in the trust fund was \$1021.72. Total receipts for 1983 were \$8500.00 and there were no delinquent assessments. Expenditures for 1983 totaled \$7957.59 leaving a balance as of December 31, 1983 of \$1565.13. A motion was made by Lee Humphrey and seconded by Ray Jorgensen that the financial statement be accepted as read and the motion carried.

The next item of business was a brief report from the River Commissioner, Mr. Clyde Magnuson. He stated that it was an exceptionally good year with a total runoff of approximately 157,000 acre feet. He also stated that each share yielded in excess of 1.0 acre foot of water. Concerning measuring devices on the system, he requested again that some of the measuring devices in upper Joes Valley needed to be repaired or replaced so that more accurate records could be kept. Chairman Johansen requested that in the 1984 report, that some record be included concerning the various Trans-Mountain diversions from the Cottonwood Drainage into the Sanpitch River Drainage. A motion

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was made by Mr. Mack Huntington to accept the Commissioner's Report. It was seconded by Mr. Lee Humphrey and the motion passed.

The next item of business was the budget for 1984. Chairman Johansen suggested that the budget remain the same as in 1983, that being \$8500.00, and that the same amount be assessed. A motion was made by Craig Johansen to accept this budget. A second was given by Lee Humphrey and the motion passed. Therefore, the budget for 1984 is as follows:

Commissioner's Salary	\$5000.00
Matching Social Security Tax (7%)	\$350.00
Matching State Retirement (13%)	\$650.00
Commissioner's Travel (\$.38 per mile)	\$1843.00
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	\$50.00
Annual Report and Office Expenses	\$150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$457.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$8500.00

Concerning a commissioner for 1984, Chairman Johansen made the motion that Clyde Magnuson be retained for River Commissioner for 1984. The motion received unanimous support from those present and Mr. Earl Staker, acting in behalf of the State Engineer accepted Mr. Magnuson as the River Commissioner and stated that he would be so appointed.

A committee for this system was set up as follows:

Eugene Johansen	Chairman, and Representative for the Emery County Water Conservancy District
Clay Wilberg	Upper Stream Users
John Jorgensen	Lower Stream Users
Lee Humphrey	Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Company
Carly Burton	Utah Power and Light Company

Mr. Humphrey made the motion that this group be accepted and it was seconded by Ray Jorgensen. The motion carried.

One final item of business that Chairman Johansen brought before the meeting was some concern about the necessity to release large quantities of water from new storage projects to protect endangered species. He felt that many of the requested releases were far in excess of quantities needed and it was creating undue hardship for those wanting to develop such projects. After a brief discussion of this matter, the meeting

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was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Those present at the meeting were:

Earl Staker	Deputy State Engineer
Jerry Bronicel	Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Water Rights - Price
Lamond Gardner	Water Rights - Price
Eugene Johansen	Chairman, Emery County Water Conservancy District
Clyde J. Magnuson	River Commissioner
Clyde Sherman	Emery County Water Conservancy District
Ray Jorgensen	Jorgensen Ranch
Mack Huntington	Water User
Lee Humphrey	Cottonwood Creek Irr. Co.
Craig Johansen	Cottonwood Creek Irr. Co.