A meeting of the Watermasters Association of the Santa Clara River was held at St. George, Utah, Feb. 17, 1964.

Donald C. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office presided.

President E.S. Gardner conducted.

The following were in attendance:

Donald C. Norseth, Herbert C. Lambert, Frank Reese and Jos. Melling of the State Engineer's Office.
E.S. Gardner, Pres. Watermasters Association.
Wilford Holt, Commissioner.
Reed Mathis, St George Clara Field Canal Co.
Cecil Blake, Santa Clara Seep Ditch Co.
LeRoy Larson, Bloomington Canal Co.
Dale Gubler, New Santa Clara Field Canal Co.
Archie Gubler, Member Watermasters Committee
Reuben Encl, St. Geo. and Santa Clara Bench Irr. Co.
Henry Bowler, Gunlock Irrigation Co.
Rex Gardner, Pine Valley Irrigation Co.
Charles Hafen, Secy. Watermasters Association.

A majority of the members of the association and a majority of the rights on the Santa Clara River were represented.

The minutes of the meeting held Feb. 18, 1963, were read and approved.

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The Financial Report for 1963 of the Santa Clara River Distribution System was read and approved.

Commissioner Wilford Holt gave a report of the conditions during 1963.

Reed Mathis made a motion that Wilford Holt be elected to be recommended to the State Engineer for commissioner for 1964. Motion carried. The rules were suspended and Wilford Holt was elected unanimously by acclamation to be recommended to the State Engineer for commissioner for 1964, and until his successor is appointed.

Mr. Norseth stated that the commissioner will be asked to make a more comprehensive annual report this year than he has been asked to make in the past and he recommended that the budget item for the commissioner's annual report be increased from $25.00 to $50.00.

Reed Mathis made a motion that the budget item for the Commissioner's Annual Report be $50.00 and the Miscellaneous Item in the budget be $15.00, and that the State Engineer be authorized to make an assessment of $1500.00 to raise the amount set up in the Budget. Motion carried.

Budget for the year 1964.

Commissioner's salary	$720.00
Matching Social Security	26.10
Matching State Retirement	28.80
Commissioner's travel	600.00
Bonds and Insurance	25.00
Annual Report	50.00
Committee Expense	35.00
Miscellaneous	15.10
Total	$1500.00

Ray Gardner made a motion that Reed Mathis be appointed to the position on the Watermasters Committee made vacant by the death of Paul Hafen and that the other members of the committee now acting, act in the same positions on the committee for 1964. Motion carried.

The members of the committee are:

(1) E. S. Gardner, President, St George, Utah.
(2) Reed Mathis, Vice President, St George, Utah.
(3) Vaughn Jones, Member, Veyo, Utah
(4) Austin Bracken, Member, Central, Utah
(5) Archie Gubler, Member, Santa Clara, Utah.
(6) Charles Hafen, Secretary, Santa Clara, Utah.

Note (70) Those present from the State Engineer's Office stated that a plan was being made for the assessment of the companies based on their rights. Water rights being classified as follows: Those dating back to 1890, Those acquired after 1890, storage rights, power rights, etc.

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A fair rate would have to be determined for each class. This plan would be sent to the companies for their study. It is hoped that a just basis of assessment can be worked out and put in operation by 1965.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles Hafen, secretary.

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