

LOWER JORDAN RIVER
MEMO FOR THE RECORD

By: Donald C. Norseth

Re: Shutting Off of Water by William Keating for Salt
Lake City

Date: October 5, 1970

Friday, October 2, 1970, we had numerous calls from the water users of the Lower Jordan River stating that the water had been shut off, that the level had dropped 15 inches, and that a number of the duck clubs were without water. Doc Johnson, Jerry Thompson, Ed Whitney, and Bill McCracken (Farmington Bay Refuge) were among the callers.

Investigation of the problem showed that Salt Lake City is having a new storm drain constructed near 13th South Street. Mr. Keating, working for the city, had shut off the water to enable the contractor to do his work. However, no contact was made with this office. With the poor timing and duck season opening the next day, the water was immediately ordered to be turned back on by Mr. Donald C. Norseth, and the contractor was notified that this was being done. In addition, he was informed that we would be happy to cooperate during the week if possible.

Sunday night, October 4, 1970, I received telephone calls from Jerry Thompson, Doc Johnson, the contractor, and Ed Whitney concerning this matter. After obtaining agreements from all of the clubs and having Doc Johnson contact Utah Power & Light Company and obtain their permission, I instructed Mr. Whitney to turn down the flow of the Jordan River to enable the contractor to get in and complete his work Monday morning.

On Friday, October 2, 1970, I also contacted Brad Gardner and asked him to turn down from Utah Lake users enough water to quickly fill the Jordan River to keep down botulism and to facilitate the filling of the ponds for the opening of duck season.

Good cooperation was obtained from all parties concerning this matter.

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