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Sanpete May Use Fund On New Project

Ruling Permits Diversion Of Money

The way was open today for Sanpete County Commissioners to use funds of a special levy to develop a water project in which flood waters of the Price and Huntington Rivers may be diverted into the Sanpete Valley.

The money in question was raised to investigate the possibilities of bringing water from the Colorado River into the Great Basin which later proved unfeasible. The right to divert the money to another water development project was upheld in an opinion being sent today by Attorney General Grover A. Giles to the commissioners.

"I would venture to say that the good citizens of Sanpete County would prefer that the county commissioners utilize the funds in some manner adapted to the original purpose of the levy, if such use tends to the development of the use of Colorado River waters on the parched and wind-swept lands of Sanpete Valley," opinion said.

The commissioners and State Rep. John L. Bench had requested the opinion as to whether the money could be diverted to the other purpose or if it must be placed in the general fund.

In making the request the county officials said the flood waters running to waste every year down Price and Huntington Rivers and into the San Rafael and Green Rivers could be stored in Gooseberry Valley and diverted through a tunnel into Sanpete Valley.

"The state engineer has spent considerable money in preparing data and the Reclamation Bureau has also prepared all plans for the dam, tunnel and canals, but it is required that the irrigation companies and those to be benefited to furnish the right of way and to pay for the water filings," the county officials explained.

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Ruling Clears Fund's Use

Moneys raised by a special levy to inquire into a particular water project may be used legally to investigate the proposed diversion of Price and Huntington rivers' flood waters into the Sanpete valley, Attorney General Grover A. Giles held in an opinion made public Friday.

The funds originally were to be used to inquire into the feasibility of taking the water from the Colorado river into the Great Basin, but that project was held to be impracticable.

The Sanpete county commission in asking the attorney general for the opinion explained that the Price and Huntington rivers' flood waters, which now are being wasted, could be stored in Gooseberry valley and diverted by tunnel into Sanpete valley.

Price River Project.

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Giles Approves Fund Switch

Moneys raised to investigate a particular water project, if that project proves unfeasible, may be expended in investigation of another, Attorney General Grover A. Giles ruled Saturday.

In an opinion requested by the Sanpete county commission, Mr. Giles said that a special levy made to finance a survey of feasibility of taking Colorado river water into the Great basin, held impracticable, can be used in surveying a Price and Huntington rivers' flood water diversion into Sanpete valley.

Flood waters could be stored in Gooseberry valley and diverted by tunnel into Sanpete valley, commissioners believe.