

November 2, 1959

Mr. F. S. Slauch
President, Pioneer Canal No. 1
Price, Utah

Dear Mr. Slauch:

RE: PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1959, in which you inquire further concerning storage of water in Scofield Reservoir.

In answer to your questions, Scofield Dam was constructed by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Funds allocated to this construction are being repaid by the users of the reservoir water who have rights to store in the reservoir and repayment contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation. This dam is not paid for by general taxation as you state.

We realize the value of storage on any intermittent stream in order to best utilize the waters. For this reason, in the past our river commissioner has permitted storage without right so long as nobody was being adversely affected. At no time, however, was this storage for convenience recognized as a right. The right of storage is vested in those who are paying for the dam. In light of the controversy which has arisen concerning this storage, we have no choice but to take our present position. This does not preclude, in the future, flow right users from subscribing to water from Scofield dam or from users changing waters to which they have a right to storage in the dam by proper change application if and when such change is approved.

We hope this has cleared up some of the questions you ask in your letter. If we can be of any further assistance kindly let us know.

Yours truly,

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