

April 10, 1962

Escalante Valley

Mr. Ray Thomas
President, Ray Thomas Enterprises, Inc.
795 E. Second St.
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Our policy in regards to water rights in the Escalante Valley is that no new applications will be approved, either for agriculture, domestic or other purposes. This policy is based on the fact that many applications have now been rejected in the area on the basis that there is no unappropriated water. Water levels in the valley have continued to drop even with the present pumping load. Any increase would only aggravate the conditions and ultimately bona fide water users would not be able to get water to satisfy their rights. Thus, we are issuing no new permits.

Regarding your question on sanitation, this comes under the control of our Public Health Department. Your letter is being forwarded to them for reply to that question.

Yours very truly,

Wayne D. Griddle
STATE ENGINEER

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CC/ Public Service Commission
CC/ State Department of Public Health
CC/ State Engineer's Office, Cedar City

CC/ Water Rights Depts.

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