

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

From: Donald C. Norseth

Re: Distribution--Escalante Valley

Date: August 24, 1970

Meetings were held in Milford at 1:00 p.m. and at Beryl at 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 1970, regarding the distribution of the waters of these two systems and for the purpose of bringing the water users up to date on policy changes in these areas since the previous year and to develop new policy to govern during 1970 and 1971.

At the meetings past distribution records were reviewed, and the amount of overpumpage was shown. The following ideas were presented:

1. Overpumpage in the Milford area was fairly significant with average overpumpage of about 7% of the withdrawal from the Milford basin.
2. Overpumpage in the Beryl area was not of significance and only amounted to about 1% average of the Beryl-Enterprise basin withdrawal.
3. Due to the abuse of temporary changes in 1967 and 1968, it was felt advisable by the State Engineer that during 1969 he would allow no temporary changes except in cases of emergency such as well sanding, pump breakdown, etc.

After the review of the above policy, the following material was presented:

1. That the adjudication would be signed August 24 by Judge McCune which would effectively handle all individual protests with the exception of the following: (1) Beryl Area--Pinto Creek (2) Milford Area--4 ac.-ft. duty--reduction by priority.
2. That the following policy is established for 1970-71. Due to the lack of any definite pattern in the overpumpage, the present extremely hot weather experienced in the two areas, and the overpumpage that had already occurred, it was deemed advisable to allow the filing of temporary changes with the following conditions: (1) Those that had already pumped over have to September 9 or 20 days to file temporary changes, and (2) Those that estimate that they would overpump would have to file changes prior to overpumpage with Lee Strong and Albert Holt.

Discussion by the water users during the meetings then centered mainly around overpumpage, filing of temporary changes, the 50 sec.-ft. Christensen application, and the Holt Mine. Following these discussions, the meetings were adjourned.