

ESCALANTE VALLEY BASIC DATA

Distribution Policies
Milford, Beryl-Enterprise, Cedar Valley,
Parowan Valley, Beaver River

MEMO

DATE: May 8, 1968
TO: Harold D. Donaldson
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RE: Escalante Valley Petition

Distribution policies vary in each of the subject systems as need indicates. The systems are regulated as follows:

1. The Beryl-Enterprise and Milford systems are distributed in accordance with the rights as set out in the Proposed Determination of Water Rights, but limited according to a court order to 4 acre-feet per acre of decreed acreage. Only irrigation rights are controlled. Temporary Change Applications are used to facilitate distribution but only in emergencies and not to increase acreage allowance.

2. Beaver River is distributed according to provisions of the Beaver River Decree. All rights in the decree are considered. The available supply is divided on c.f.s. of right for direct flow diversions and acre allocation for storage rights.

3. The Cedar Valley System is distributed according to the Proposed Determination of Water Rights. Prior to 1968, records of diversions were gathered to determine the acre-foot per acre usage and water was allocated on a flow basis. By State Engineer policy we are now limiting well rights on a 4 acre-feet per acre allowance on decreed acreage. Surface allocation is not so limited.

4. The Parowan Valley System is under direction of the Cedar City Office. They are gathering the data necessary to the organization and putting into effect of a distribution system in this basin in 1969.

In 1969 all systems will be under the direction of a commissioner, however only the Cedar Valley, Beryl-Enterprise, and the Milford Systems will have partial acre-foot usage limitations.

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