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SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 1958
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tempe, Arizona

The regular meeting of the Board of Governors convened Monday, November 3, 1958, at 3:30 o'clock, p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, V. I. Corbell.

The following members were present at roll call:

PRESENT: Messrs. Perry, Conovaloff, Evans, Anderson, Smith,
Rice, Willis and Corbell (8)

ABSENT: Messrs. Cartwright, Schrader and Hoopes (3)

Also present were Messrs. McMullin, Shipley, Skentelbury, Riggins, Brandow, Alexander, Langham and Monette.

On a motion made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unani- mously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1958, were approved.

The Cash Statement and Warrants issued for September, 1958, were submitted.

On a motion made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Perry and unani- mously carried, the Cash Statement for the month of September, 1958, and Warrants Nos. 9-1 to 9-1477 inclusive, issued in payment of September, 1958 bills, were approved.

Mr. Corbell discussed flood control in the Valley and surrounding area, stating that for the past several years, the Association had been working toward a Flood Control Program that would bring other interested parties into this problem to carry their fair share of the responsibilities.

Mr. Shipley, who has been heading this effort for the Association, discussed the past meetings and studies that have been made by the Associ- ation, the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County, which resulted in an agree- ment dated October 9, 1958, wherein the City will contribute \$20,000, the County \$25,000, and the Association \$15,000, to carry on this program.

The Association will administer and account for the receipts and expenditures of the Flood Control Funds as directed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Maricopa Flood Control Agency; the same being the County Engineer, the City Engineer and the Chief Engineer of the Associ- ation. This interim group will operate until such time as the legislature creates a Flood Control District.

On a motion made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Conovaloff and un- animously carried, the agreement dated October 9, 1958, setting up a Flood Control Agency between the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County and the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association was approved, and the President

October, 1958, and the last on the 28th day of October, 1958; and in every regular issue between those dates, and

the Board having met on the 3rd day of November, 1958, in regular session for the consideration of the proposed assessment and no objections having been offered and there being no increase in said estimates,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That there be and hereby is levied against the owner of each share of capital stock of this Association and the same be and hereby is declared a lien on the land to which the same is appurtenant, to raise revenue for defraying the expenses of the Association and to meet lawful obligations of the Association for the purposes named in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1959, the sum of \$2.50 whereof \$1.50 is payable on the 6th day of December, 1958, and delinquent on the 7th day of January, 1959, and \$1.00 is payable on the 6th day of June, 1959, and delinquent on the 7th day of July, 1959.

Mr. McMullin discussed the Regional Hearing on the proposed wilderness legislative program to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 14th.

After a full discussion on this subject, the Board reiterated its stand and feelings with reference to the Project's watershed area, by resolution.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Rice, who moved its adoption. Motion to adopt was seconded by Mr. Smith and on the affirmative vote of all members present, declared unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to establish a national wilderness preservation system on public lands; and

WHEREAS, the watershed of the Project is for the most part located on public lands set aside primarily for watershed purposes of the Salt River Project; and

WHEREAS, this Project is a Federal Reclamation Project, embracing 250,000 acres and a population of approximately 400,000, dependent on our watershed for its irrigation and domestic water supply; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of such wilderness areas on the 13,000 square miles of Project watershed would interfere with the runoff of flood waters into the reservoir system of the Salt River Project and would permit the Federal Government to infringe upon vested water rights

within the State of Arizona and particularly those of the Salt River Project; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that any wilderness preservation system is incompatible with the multiple-use principle of public lands management; that it is discriminatory against the general public, and that it prevents sound and orderly development of natural resources essential to the welfare of the American people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Board of Governors of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association opposes the enactment of legislation establishing a wilderness preservation system on the public lands of the United States and particularly on the watershed of the Salt River Project, and directs its officers and officials to take such reasonable steps as may be necessary to express the opposition of the Salt River Project to the adoption of such legislation and the establishment of wilderness areas.

A letter from Congressman Stewart Udall, addressed to Mr. Corbell, was read by Mr. McMullin. Mr. Udall congratulated the Board members for their stand and the action taken during the primary election campaign, in protecting the legal rights of the Salt River Project and defending the management of the Project, its Board of Governors, Directors and its Council members, from unjust criticism made throughout the primary gubernatorial campaign by one of the candidates, who tried to make the Project an issue of the election.

Mr. McMullin notified the Board members of the N. R. A. Convention to be held November 19, 20 and 21, at Houston, Texas.

Prior to the convention, Tuesday, November 18th, a tour has been arranged for the delegates, therefore, the delegates from the Association should leave Phoenix, Monday, November 17th. Mr. McMullin requested the names of those who wish to attend.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting recessed subject to call.

J. F. Griswold,
Secretary