State Engineer
1845 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:
Pursuant to 148-12-7, CRS 1963.
Enclosed are reports of the Water Commissioners in Division 1 and the Division Engineers report for the year 1968 with attached tables.

Division 1<br>Prepared by: Robert W. Jesse<br>Associate Water Resource Engineer

The year of 1968 was about normal as to the snowpack and carryover storage. One storm of consequence was reported. This would appear to be a good year to use as a base or average.

The water order or division water call was changed 35 times or about normal. It went from no demand in the lower districts to a low of 10-5-1871 in the upper districts.

An attached schedule of costs in the division was prepared by the acoounting section and is referred to without comment.

A paragraph on each water district, giving general information, comments where appropriate, and the name and address of the water commissioner and deputy follows.

Two bills passed by the Legislature, S. B. 37 and 40, concerning alternate points of diversion were implemented to some extent by the water users of Difision 1.

An attempt to close tributary wells in districts 3, 8, 2, and 1 , caused a suit to be filed by the concerned wells which resulted in an injunction from the District Court which prohibited water officials from regulating named wells. Pending, among other things, a decision of the Supreme Court on a similar suit in Division 2. To date, no decision has been forthcoming from the Supreme Court. Therefore, the status of wells for the next year is still in doubt. (This decision of the District Court was declared void by the issuing judge on 11-6m68).

Numerous cases were encountered of small dams, sumps, and other structures being constructed across or along water ways, to the detriment of senior water rights. These cases are being investigated, and where appropriate, suitable orders for their removal or modification have been issued. Compliance has been mixed, but in no case, was the letter ignored.

Only one personnel change was made, the employment of Mr. Landon Schweer, a deputy in Water District 23, who resides in Fairplay.

A program of education will be instituted in the year 1969, to better educate the water commissioners in the filling out of reports and field books. A further study of all diversions will be made so proper headgates and measuring flumes can be installed where necessary.

A total of 27 such orders were issued in 1968, mostly in Water District 23.

No law suits, except mentioned well case, were brought to trial. Although, one sult was filed in Weter District 23 on a molesting an adjusted headgate charge and was subsequentiy dismissed by the District Attorney.

A revised administrative list was made up for one water district, and is in the process of final checking. It is contemplated that anl districts will be reviewed in the ensuing year, and revisions and corrections made in the appropriate instences.

There were a total of 571 ditches reported which ran $1.947,63$ Acre Feet of water on 1,49629 acres of 1 and. The total cost of Division 1 is $\$ 137,685$ dollars or approximately $.0722 \phi$ (cents) per acre
 These figures are approximate pending full reports from water
districts still unreported at this time, and blanks will be filled in
when the information becomes avallable.

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& \text { Total No. of Ditches: } 26 \text { active } \\
& 13 \text { inactive } \\
& 39 \text { total reported }
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212.774 Acre Feet of water was used on $\mathbf{1 4 5 . 7 9 4}$ acres of land.

Storage by months is attached in Schedule 1.
Cost of district on Schedule 2.
District was operated without major incident. Attempted closure of tributary wells had some application in this district and is covered in statement on District 2. There were instences of interference with natural streams and drains, as was the case in most districts. These cases are still unresolved.

One recording device was ordered installed on a reservoir inlet and is in place.

> Water Commissioner:
> R. L. Samples (2)
> Rt. I
> Snyder, Colorado
> No Deputy

## WATER DISTRICT \#2:

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\text { Ditches: } 37 \text { total reported }
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314,995 Acre Feet of water was applied to 207.686 acres of land. Amount in storage is covered in Schedule 1. Cost of district is covered in Schedule 2.

12 wells were ordered to cease diverting tributary waters on July 8, 1968. The owners of some of these wells obtained an injunction in District Court stopping the State from any further action in closing these wells, pending outcome of the Supreme Courts ruling on a case in Division 2. Further action has been delayed until the Supreme Court rules.

No storms of consequence were reported and an above average year was generaily the case.

Water Commissioner:
Paul Meehl (2)
397 Eastern St.
Brighton, Colorado

Deputy Water Commissioner:
Antone Heit
68 No. 7th Avenue
Brighton, Colorado

## WATER DISTRICT \#3:

Ditches: 28 totel reported
256,902 Acre Feet of water was applied to 238, 585 acres of land.
Breakdown of storage in attached Schedule 1.
Cost of district in attached Schedule 2.
Trans-mountain diversions in Schedule 3.
District operated without major incident except for ordered closure of 3 wells covered in statement in District 2.

Water Commissioner:
Wilbur Wilkinson
1428 Vine St.
Fort Collins, Colorado
Deputy Water Commissioner:
John W. Neutze
930 No. Sheilds
Fort Collins, Colorado

WATER DISTRTCT \#4:
Ditches: 36 total reported
121.132 Acre Feet of water was applied to 142,876 acres of land. Storage breakdown in attached Schedule 1. Cost of district in attached Schedule 2.

Operation of the Big Thompson is covered in a separate report not attached.

No problems were encountered in the operation of this district in 1968.

Water Commissioner:
Lloyd G. Blewitt
P. O. Box 156

Loveland, Colorado

## WATER DISTRTCT \#5:

Ditches: 45 total reported
3142 Acre Feet of water was applied to $11 / 44$ acres of land.
Breakdown of storage in Schedule 1.
Cost of district in Schedule 2.
No major problems were encountered in operation of this district. Two orders were issued for new headgates and parshall flumes. Only one other instance required investigation by this office and was settled satisfactorily.

Water Commissioner:
Don Palmer
P. O. Box 253

Lyons, Colorado

## WATER DISTRICT \#6:

Ditches: 62 total reported
111,249 Acre Feet of water was applied to 166,700 acres of land.
Reservoir storage breakdown in Schedule 1.
Cost of district breakdown in Schedule 2.
Trans-mountain diversions in Schedule 3.
This district operated satisfactorily for the year ending
November 1, 1968. No significant problems were encountered.
Water Commissioner:
Thomas Platt
P. O. Box 534

Boulder, Colorado

WATER DISTRICT \# $7:$
Ditches: 40 total reported
133.720 Acre Feet of water was applied to 100.595 acres of land. Storage breakdown by month in Schedule 1. Cost of district breakdown in Schedule 2.

No significant problems were encountered in this district in 1968. It will be necessary to employ a new water commissioner in this district for water year 1969, as Mr. Copelands request for extension of retirement was denied. An eligible list is in existance.

Water Conmissioner 8
J. M. Copeland

6600 N. Washington
Denver, Colorado

## WATER DISTRICT \# 8:

Number of ditches: 119 active
138 inactive
257 total in district
216,463 Acre Feet of water was applied to 26,357 acres of land.
Breakdown of storage in attached Schedule 1.
Cost of district breakdown in attached 8chedule 2.
Trans-mountain diversions in attached Schedule 3.
No significant problems were encountered in this district in 1968, with the possible exception of the order to close wells, which had some application in this district and is covered in the statement on District 2. There were some illegal storage ponds which were ordered to cease interferring with natural stream flow. Follow up on these cases is in progress. More cases of this type may be anticipated in the future.

Rainfall was generally deficient and no storms of consequence were reported. Crops as a rule were of a poorer quantity than normal.

Water Commissioner:<br>Joe Clayton<br>Route 1, Box 60B<br>Littleton, Colorado<br>No Deputy

22,413 Acre Feet of water was applied to 12,329 acres of land.
Reservoir storage by months in Schedule 1.
Cost analysis in Schedule 2.
No significant problems were encountered in operation of this district.

A revised administrative list was prepared for Water District 9 in 1968 and is in the process of being checked for accuracy at this time.

Water Commissioner:
Ralph Van Gorden
Rt. 2
Littleton, Colorado

WATER DISTRTCT \# 23:
Ditches: Active
inactive
total
14950 Acre Feet of water was applied to 9.25 acres of land.
Reservoir storage in attached schedule 1.
Cost breakdown in Schedule 2.
Trans-mountain diversion in Schedule 3.
Twenty five orders were issued for installation of headgates and measuring flumes. One order for a recording device. These orders have met with varying degrees of compliance. Some are in, others are in progress, and some have no intention of compliance. Action on the latter will be instituted when the first demand for water is made in the spring of 1969.

A new deputy water commissioner was employed for Water District 23 beginning July $1,1968$.

The quantity and quality of records obtained is under investigation and will be appended when available. Figures, where show, are obtained from other sources or are estimates.

Water Commissioner:
Arthur Wenz
P. O. Box 222

Bailey, Colorado
Deputy Water Commissioner:
Landon K. Schweer
Fairplay, Colorado

## WATER DISTRICT \#47:

> Ditches: Total
$\qquad$ Acre Feet of water was applied to $\qquad$ acres of land. Cost of this District in Schedule 2. Trans-mountain diversions from Water District 47 listed on Schedule 3.

Records from this district are sketchy and where necessary are estimated.

Water Comissioner:<br>Owen Geer<br>Coalmont, Colorado<br>Deptuy Water Cormissioner:<br>Michael Geer<br>Coalmont, Colorado

## WATER DISTRICT \# $48:$

Ditches: 62 total
129448 Acre Feet of water was applied to 4.845 acres of land. No reservoir storage listed on Schedule 1.

Cost of operating district in Schedule 2.
Trans-mountain diversions from Water District 48 in Schedule 3.
A breakdown of water diverted from Laramie River is attached and numbered Schedule 4 of which there are 2 sheets.

This district was operated in accordance with Interstate Compacts and Court decrees.

There were no significant problems in 1968.

## WATER DISTRICT \# 48 Contd.

Schedule 4 is tabulated by ranch instead of individual ditches. A tabulation of ditches and quantities used is on file and available.

A new recorder, well and shelter was installed by this office on Sand Creek above the Wyoming State Line and will be activated in the Spring of 1969.

Water Commissioner:<br>William S. Gleason<br>Glendevay, Colorado<br>Depuity Water Commissioner:<br>William Wangnild<br>Glendevey, Colorado

HATER DISTRICT \# 64:
Ditches: 64 total
136,620 Acre Feet of water was applied to 105,497 acres of land.
Reservoir storage by months Schedule 1.
Cost breakdown in Schedule 2.
No significant controversy in 1968.
Two recording devices were ordered instelled and are either in place or work is in progress.

Only one storm of any consequence was reported. Some minor damage due to flooding but no firm estimate of cost has been established.

Water Cormissioner:
R. D. Littler

Rt. 1
Sterling, Colorado

Water District \#65\& 49:
Ditches: Total reported

This district operated without major reported incident. The water commissioner works only part-time and we do not have his report to include here, but appropriate information will be appended when it becomes available.

WATER DISTRICT \# 65 \& 49 contd:
Water Commissioner:
T. J. Fisher

Armel Route
Wray, Colorado






| Dist. | Use | Dec. 1967 | Jan. 1968 | 8 Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Dist. Irrig. | 127,090 | 151,392 | 104,942 | 209,941 | 227,059 | 130,782 |
|  | Total | 127,090 | 151,392 | 104,942 | 209,941 | 227,059 | 130,782 |
| 2 | Dist. Irrig. | 36,495 | 47,621 | 55,381 | 111.258 | 70,991 | 74,325 |
|  | Total | 36,495 | 47,621 | 55,381 | 111,258 | 70,991 | 74,325 |
| 3 | Dist. Irrig. | 112,613 | 119,229 | 125,141 | 130,497 | 135,821 | 140,359 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 67,486 | 80,641 | 93,965 | 106,642 | 120,669 | 132,607 |
|  | Municipal | 4,601 | 4,581 | 4,560 | 4,544 | 4,523 | 6,374 |
|  | Total | 184,700 | 204,451 | 223,666 | 241,683 | 261,013 | 279,340 |
| 4 | Dist. Irrig. | 89,257 | 90,297 | 90,616 | 92,101 | 94,356 | 96,801 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 68,722 | 75,718 | 87,998 | 95,760 | 102,679 | 102,125 |
|  | Total | 157,979 | 166,015 | 178,614 | 187,861 | 197,035 | 198,926 |
| 5. | Dist. Irrig. | 29,594 | 30,084 | 29,874 | 29,937 | 31,051 | 32,331 |
|  | Total | 29,594 | 30,084 | 29,874 | 29,937 | 31,051 | 32,331 |
| 6 | Dist. Irrig. | 33,008 | 32,835 | 32,825 | 32,957 | 31,135 | 33,527 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 8,852 | 8,888 | 9,092 | 9,188 | 9,230 | 9,537 |
|  | Municipal | 36,436 | 34,735 | 35,213 | 33,534 | 32,650 | 27,251 |
|  | Total | 78,296 | 76,458 | 77,130 | 75,679 | 73,015 | 70,315 |
| 7 | Dist. Irrig. | 22,034 | 24,430 | 26,313 | 30,274 | 31,308 | 33,432 |
|  | Municipal | 7,974 | 10,195 | 8,453 | 8,055 | 7,877 | 10,726 |
|  | Total | 30,008 | 34,625 | 34,766 | 38,329 | 39,185 | 44,158 |
| 8 | Recreation | 14,735 | 14,771 | 14,960 | 15,139 | 15,293 | 15,473 |
|  | Municipal | 21,506 | 21,978 | 21,138 | 20,153 | 21,240 | 23,620 |
|  | Total | 36,241 | 36,749 | 36,098 | 35,292 | 36,533 | 39,093 |
| 9 | Dist. Irrig. | 6,837 | 6,802 | 6,730 | 6,670 | 7,010 | 8,675 |
|  | Total | 6,837 | 6,802 | 6,730 | 6,670 | 7,010 | 8,675 |
| 28 | Municipal | 108,300 | 107,129 | 107,595 | 108,143 | 110,615 | 113,070 |
|  | T otal. | 108,300 | 107,129 | 107,595 | 108,143 | 110,615 | 113,070 |
| 64 | Dist. Irrig. | 57,464 | 73,224 | 92,744 | 107,363 | 118,890 | 117,276 |
|  | Total | 57.464 | 73,224 | 92,744 | 107,363 | 118,890 | 117.276 |
| Totals | Recreation | 14,735 | 14,771 | 14,960 | 15,139 | 15,293 | 15.473 |
|  | Irrigation | 514,392 | 575,914 | 672,161 | 750,998 | 858,236 | 667,508 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 145,060 | 165,247 | 191.055 | 211,590 | 232,578 | 244,269 |
|  | Municipal | 178,817 | 178,618 | 176,959 | 174,129 | 176,905 | 181,041 |
|  | Grand Total | 853,004 | 934,550 1 | 1,055,135 | 1,151,856 | 1,283,012 | 1,108,291 |


| Dist. | Use | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. |
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| 1 | Dist. Irrig. | 117,587 | 103,469 | 72,244 | 27,997 | 23,751 | 37,369 |
|  | Total | 117,587 | 103,469 | 72,244 | 27.997 | 23,751 | 37,369 |
| 2 | Dist. Irrig. | 64.948 | 51.240 | 27,850 | 14,855 | 11,169 | 19,491 |
|  | Total | 64,948 | 51.240 | 27,850 | 14.855 | 11,169 | 19,491 |
| 3 | Dist. Irrig. | 125,467 | 155,107 | 116,381 | 75,476 | 67,267 | 74,814 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 137,027 | 134,189 | 115,897 | 94,403 | 77,046 | 82,948 |
|  | Municipal | 5,502 | 8,748 | 5,899 | 3,140 | 2,509 | 3,762 |
|  | Total | 267,996 | 298,044 | 238,177 | 173,019 | $\overline{1,46,822}$ | 161,524 |
| 4 | Dist. Irrig. | 98,704 | 98,680 | 73,916 | 64.456 | 63,239 | 65,054 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 101,714 | 99,699 | 77.445 | 63,250 | 52,861 | 48,065 |
|  | Total | 200,418 | 198,379 | 151,361 | 127,706 | 116,100 | 113,119 |
| 5 | Dist. Irrig. | 35.449 | 37,040 | 28,583 | 24,664 | 19,427 | 18,427 |
|  | Total | 35,449 | 37.040 | 28,583 | 24,664 | 19,427 | 18,427 |
| 6 | Dist. Irrig. | 34,208 | 39,668 | 35,160 | 31,457 | 27,939 | 27,608 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 9,416 | 8,371 | 5,414 | 3,324 | 2,493 | 1,873 |
|  | Municipal | 25,232 | 39.697 | 44, 050 | 44,007 | 40,493 | 38,837 |
|  | Total | 68,856 | 87.736 | 84.624 | 78,788 | 70,925 | 68,318 |
| 7 | Dist. Irrig. | 31,834 | 31,086 | 19,150 | 15,897 | 14,743 | 13,401 |
|  | Municipal | 10,554 | 11,026 | 11,626 | 10,981 | 10,933 | 11,048 |
|  | Total | 42,388 | 42,112 | 30.776 | 26,878 | 25,676 | 24,449 |
| 8 | Recreation | 15,338 | 14,969 | - 14,510 | 14,294 | 13,954 | 13,774 |
|  | Municipal | 21,913 | 21,466 | 22,528 | 21,415 | 21,340 | 19,466 |
|  | Total | 37,251 | 36,435 | 37.038 | 35,709 | 35,294 | 33,240 |
| 9 | Dist. Irrig. | 8,984 | 7,338 | 6,378 | 6,088 | 5,445 | 4.748 |
|  | Total. | 8,984 | 7,338 | 6,378 | 6,088 | 5,445 | 4,748 |
| 23 | Municipal | 112,753 | 114,250 | $160,527$ | 114,926 | 114,574 | 114.279 |
|  | Total | 112.753 | 114.250 | 160,527 | 114,926 | 114,574 | 114.279 |
| 64 | Dist. Irrig. | 116,490 | 101,890 | 59,603 | 48,128 | 30.149 | 43,610 |
|  | Total | 116,490 | 101,890 | 59,603 | 48,128 | 30,149 | 43,610 |
| Totals | Recreation | 15,338 | 14,969 | 14.510 | 14,294 | 13,954 | 13,774 |
|  | Irrigation | 633,671 | 625,518 | 439,265 | 309,018 | 263,129 | 304,522 |
|  | Big Thomp. | 248,157 | 242,259 | 198,765 | 160,977 | 132,400 | 132,886 |
|  | Municipal | 175,954 | 195.187 | 244,630 | 194,469 | 189,849 | 187,392 |
| Grand Totals |  | 073,120 | 1,077,933 | 897,170 | 678,758 | 599,332 | 638,574 |

From W.D. To W.D. Diverted

(1) Total diverted Colorado River
(2) Total diverted Blue River
(3) Total diverted Michigan River
(4) Total diverted San Creek
(5) Total diverted Laramie River

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        1,532 Acre Feet
        4,330 Acre Feet
    20,320 Acre. Feet
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