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Dear Mr. Kuiper:

I submit herewith my annual report of activities in Irrigation Division No. 2 for the 1969 water year.

Respectfully submitted,

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I. DIVISION ENGINEERS OFFICE PERSONNEL

- 1. Associate Water Resources Engineer, Robert W. Jesse, was assigned to the Division No. 2 Office effective September, 1969.
- Intermediate Clerk-typist, Mrs. Jeanne Perko, joined the Division No.
 2 Office staff effective November, 1969.

The addition of both Mrs. Perko and Mr. Jesse completes the staffing of the Pueblo Division Office and their presence has already proven to be an asset to the operations of the Division Engineers Office.

II. GROUND WATER REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The "well location" zone map, which would be the basis of any future ground water regulation and/or administration on Irrigation Division No. 2, has been distributed to the Water Commissioners of Water Districts 14, 17 and 67. Each of the Commissioners, in their respective districts, have been instructed to identify the owners of the wells indicated on the Zone Maps in the event of any future regulation and/or administration.

It is the considered opinion of the Division Engineer of Irrigation Division No. 2 that we, the State Engineers Office, should have no reason

to expect a call by any of the surface users on any of the ground water diverters in Districts 14, 17 and 67 under normal or near normal conditions.

III. WATER SUPPLY AND MANAGEMENT STUDY PROGRAMS

1. Transit Time

The time of transit from reservoir to downstream canal is variable and is dependent upon the magnitude of stream flow. At the present time, this transit time factor is determined wholly on the basis of previous experience and this experience, based on various stages of river flow, is extremely limited. The transit time factor, at the present time, presents no alarming problem; however, with the oncoming activities of the South East Conservancy District with respect to sales of small quantities of water this transit time will be very important. Small quantity flow cannot be distinguished on our river gaging stations and it will be necessary for us to be able to advise a purchaser of Frying Pan water when to commence and when to cease river diversions of his purchased water. This transit time factor has been discussed at the previous two Division Engineers meetings and if we are unable to supply this information to purchasers of Frying Pan water in 1970 we are going to be rudely embarrassed.

It is recommended that such "transit time" studies, carried out at various stages of flow and during each month of the irrigation season, be instituted immediately. It is further recommended that the "radioactive tracer technique" be utilized since the use of dyes over such a distance is impossible. Results obtained at various monthly stages of river flow could be integrated by computer for all monthly stages of river flow. Furthermore, the study should be conducted by the Division of Water Resources.

2. Transit Losses

Presently, as ordered by the "Sunnyside Case" of the District Court in Salida, there is a transit loss of 0.07% per mile charged to all reservoir releases and trans-mountain waters. This charge, in the opinion of the Division Engineer, is considered valid thru Districts 11 and 12 and in District 14 to the Arkansas River at the South Side gaging station near Pueblo. Downstream from the Pueblo South Side gaging station this transit loss charge of 0.07% per mile, again in the opinion of the Division Engineer, is not sound. The Division Engineer in expressing his opinion has no facts, other than experience, to back up his statements. Never the less, with the advent of sales of Frying Pan water by the S.E. Conservancy District to various water users it will be necessary to apply a true "transit loss charge" to all such sales or we will be faced with the problems of illegal diversions of water by the purchasers of Frying Pan water. Furthermore, purchasers of Frying Pan water will have to absorb this loss and accurate, definite "loss charges" will without doubt influence intentions of potential purchasers.

It is recommended that such studies be instituted immediately and that portable radar mounted on a fixed, threaded bar constructed across the river be used to map the river bed to determine area and accurate flow meters used in conjunction with the radar to determine velocities. This "mapping and velocity determination" would be carried out monthly at pre-determined intervals along the river and results could be integrated by computer to determine transit losses under varying monthly conditions. It is further recommended that the Division of Water Resources perform the study.

3. Return Flow

Again, with the advent of sales of Frying Pan water to water users along the Arkansas River from Leadville to the State Line, the occurrence of return flow, although not a problem at the present time, will within a short time become a serious problem due to the fact that the S.E. Conservancy District will claim ownership of all return flow of any purchased Frying Pan water for purposes of re-sale to users downstream from the original purchaser.

It is recommended that the Division of Water Resources enter into a co-operative agreement with other interested parties to conduct infra-red studies along the Arkansas River in an attempt to determine return flow characteristics.

4. Evaporation

With regards to our long standing and present methods of computing evaporation charges for Sugar Loaf, Twin Lakes and Clear Creek Reservoirs during the winter period when the reservoirs are covered with ice and snow; the Division Engineer is of the opinion that our present computation methods and accuracy are questionable. Furthermore, even though all interested parties are in basic agreement, we cannot arbitrarily decide that there shall be no evaporative loss charges to the reservoirs during periods of ice and snow cover without the basic facts and data to back-up such a decision. In addition, our present water laws specifically state that all on stream reservoirs are to be charged evaporative losses and we are not enforcing this law as directed by law.

It is recommended that the Division of Water Resources, through its Division Engineer Office, establish and operate its own precipitation recording equipment at all on-stream reservoir sites so that we do not have to rely on questionable procedures of various reservoir caretakers. Furthermore, it is recommended that our present methods of computation of evaporative losses from reservoirs be studies for possible revisions. Finally, it is recommended that we have a uniform policy regarding evaporative losses from reservoirs throughout the state; either all on stream reservoirs be charged evaportive losses or no on stream reservoir be charged any evaporative loss.

5. Arkansas River Gaging Stations

Following, is inserted, a report of a tenative river gaging program for the main Arkansas River, its mountain reservoir system and major tributaries from the Continental Divide near Leadville, Colorado, to the Colorado-Kansas line.

(INSERT REPORT)

It is recommended that the Division of Water Resources commence immediately with the installation of gaging stations at the following sites:

- (1) District 11
 - a. Pine Creek
 - b. Chalk Creek
 - c. Cottonwood Creek
 - d. South Arkansas
- (2) District 12
 - a. Texas Creek
 - b. Grape Creek
 - c. Four Mile Creek
 - d. Beaver Creek
- (3) District 14
 - a. Fountain River

and, it is further recommended that the Division of Water Resources initiate the installation of telemetry equipment at the following stations:

- (1) Arkansas River near Nepesta
- (2) Arkansas River at La Junta

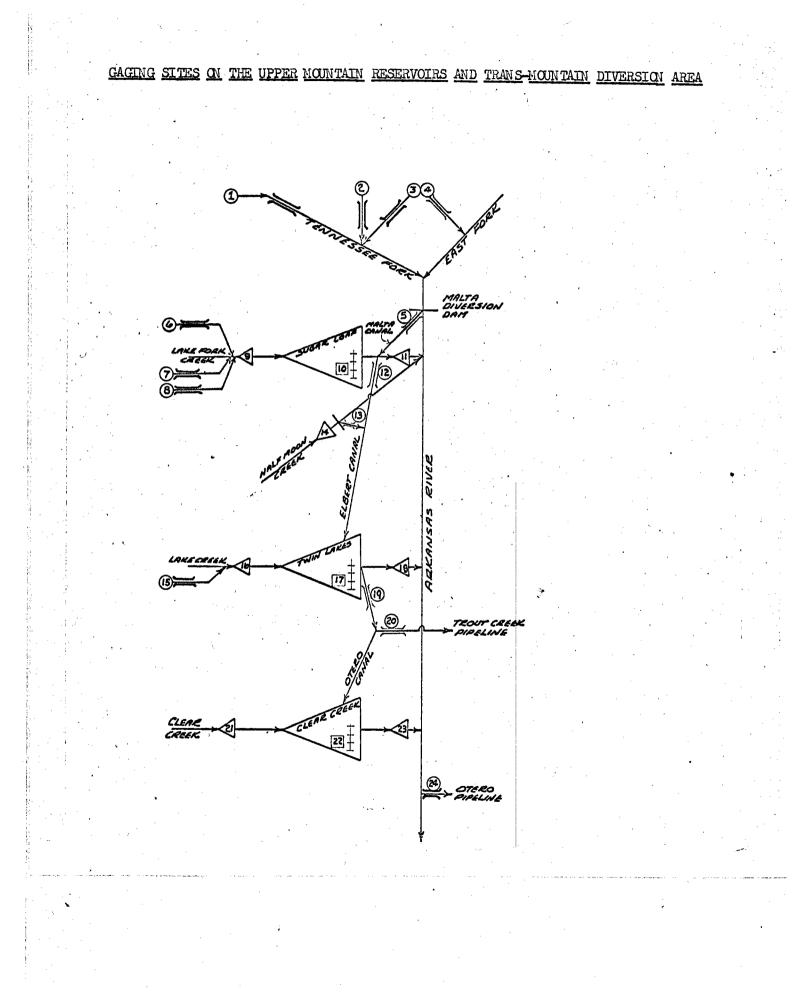
and, finally, it is recommended that the present Purgatoire at Nine Mile Dam gaging station be relocated at Higbee, Colorado and that telemetry be installed.

ARKANSAS RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES GAGING STATIONS

FOR CONVENIENCE, THIS REPORT ON THE REQUIRED GAGING STATIONS ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES FROM THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NEAR LEADVILLE TO THE COLORADO-KANSAS LINE, WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE FOLLOWING THREE STAGES:

- I. UPPER MOUNTAIN RESERVOIRS AND TRANS-MOUNTAIN DIVERSION AREA.
- 11. MAIN ARKANSAS RIVER FROM MALTA TO THE STATE LINE.

III. MAJOR ARKANSAS RIVER TRIBUTARIES.



THE UPPER MOUNTAIN RESERVOIRS AND TRANS-MOUNTAIN DIVERSION AREA AS SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING SKETCH WILL REQUIRE EITHER REGULAR RIVER GAGING STATIONS, STAFF GAGES AND/OR PARSHALL FILMES WITH RECORDERS AT THE SITES INDICATED ON THE SKETCH.

SITE NUMBER	NAME OF INSTALLATION	TYPE OF INSTALLA RIVER STATION STAFF GAGE	
1	WURTZ DITCH		x
2	EAGLE TUNNEL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	x
3	EWING DITCH		x
4	COLIMBINE DITCH		X
5	MALTA CANAL		x
6	HOMESTAKE TUNNEL		x
7	DIVIDE TUNNEL		x
8	BUSK-IVANHOE TUNNEL	· ·	x
9	LAKE FORK CREEK ABOVE SUGAR LOAF RESERVOIR	X	
10	SUGAR LOAF RESERVOIR	X	
11	lake fork creek below Sugar loaf reservoir	X	
12	ELBERT CANAL		X
13	HAIF MOON CREEK DIVERSION TO ELBERT CANAL		X
14	HAIF MOON CREEK ABOVE DIVERSION DAM	X	
15	INDEPENDENCE PASS TUNNEL		x
16	LAKE CREEK ABOVE TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR	X	
17	TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR	X	
18	LAKE CREEK BELOW TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR	x	
19	OTERO CANAL ABOVE TROUT CREEK PIPELINE		X
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Presently, with one exception, the main Arkansas River has adequate gaging station sites located from Malta, Colorado to the Colorado-Kansas State Line. Station sites are described below in downstream order.

Gaging Station Number	NAME OF INSTALLATION	Operating Agency	<u>Remarks</u>
7-0837	Arkansas River near Malta	USBR-GS	Records good; winter poor
7-0860	Arkansas River at Granite	State	Records good; winter poor
	Arkansas River above or below Clear Creek	State	Required new installation. Status of present Granite station (7-0860) to be determined after satisfactory operation of this station. Telemetry will be required.
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7-0872	Arkansas River at Buena Vista	USBR-GS	Records good; winter fair
7-0912	Arkansas River near Nathrop	USBR-GS	Records good.
7-0915	Arkansas River at Salida	State	Records good
*7-0937	Arkansas River near Wellsville	USBR-GS	Records good. Telemetered. This station is preferred for administration because of telemetry and it includes S. Arkansas River flow. Station 7-0915 could therefore
			be abandoned.
7-0945	Arkansas River at Parkdale	USBR-GS	Records good.
*7-0960	Arkansas River at Canon City	State	Records good. Telemetered.

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Number	NAME OF INSTALLATION	Agency	Remarks
7-0992	Arkansas River near Portland	USBR-GS	Records fair. Inflow station for Pueblo Reservoir. Telemetry required.
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7-0994	Arkansas River above Pueblo	USBR-GS	Records good. Outflow station for Pueblo Reservoir. Telemetry required.
			required.
*7-0995	Arkansas River near Pueblo	State	Records good.
7-1095	Arkansas River near Avondale	USBR-GS	Records fair.
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7-1170	Arkansas River near Nepesta	State	Records fair. Telemetry required.
7-1197	Arkansas River at Catlin Dam	USBR-GS	Records fair.
7–1230	Arkansas River at La Junta	State	Records fair. Telemetry required.
7-1240	Arkansas River at Las Animas	Compact	Records good.
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7-1305	Arkansas River below John Martin	Compact	Records excellent.
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7-1330	Arkansas River at Lamar	Compact	Records good.
7-1375	Arkansas River near Coolidge	Compact	Records good.

* Telemetered Stations

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Major tributaries to the main Arkansas River will be measured <u>only</u> at their junction with the main river; there being, at this time, no plans to measure tributary flow upstream from their junction with the main stream. Major tributaries under consideration for measurement at this time are as follows;

A. Water District 11

- 1. Pine Creek*
- 2. Chalk Creek
- 3. Cottonwood Creek
- 4. South Arkansas

B. Water District 12

- 1. Texas Creek
- 2. Grape Creek
- 3. Four Mile Creek
- 4. Beaver Creek*

C. Water District 14

- 1. Fountain
- 2. Salt Creek**
- 3. Pueblo Sewage Return**

* Tenative ** Measured at present time

Remaining major tributaries in Water Districts 14, 17 & 67 possibly should not be measured since any appreciable tributary flow in this area is beneficial only to those diversions in Water Districts 17 and/or 67.

6. Surface Diversion Accounting System

It is recommended that each Division, thru its Water Commissioners, and observers establish a weekly surface diversion report showing the total diversions (A.F.) of all ditches within the Division. This report, with its diversion data, is intended to accomplish the following:

- a. To provide the Division Engineer and the State Engineers Office with imput computer data for the preparation of weekly, monthly and yearly surface diversion reports to be used in various water studies. When fully implemented, the State Engineers Office will prepare the annual report now being done by District Water Commissioners.
- b. To satisfy the Division Engineer that Water Commissioners are administering ditch diversions in accordance with current river calls and that ditch diversions do not exceed decreed amounts. It is possible, although improbable, that in order to maintain harmonious relations, in certain areas, the tendency towards disregarding undesirable aspects of river calls requiring ditches to cease or curtail river diversions is present. Furthermore, administration will be improved in that there will be no irregular diversions and all diversions will be within the river call.

The report should list all ditches within the administrative water district and should show daily ditch diversions based upon weekly recorder charts and in those cases where ditches are operating without recorders (most tributaries), instantaneous readings. (A sample, monthly report from Water District 17 is illustrated). It becomes rather obvious, that the satisfactory completion of such a report by computer will, ultimately, require the installation of recorders on all active diversions.

Furthermore, this report issued on a weekly basis could be used as a weekly supplement to the present Arkansas Valley Ditch Association daily report.

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7. Photographic Ditch Inventory

It is the intention of the Division II Engineers Office to prepare a photographic ditch inventory for Irrigation Division No. 2. Our intention is to prepare for each ditch within the Division a form which will include the following information:

- a. Name of Ditch
- b. Source of Decree
- c. Decreed Rights
- d. Owner
- e. Caretaker
- f. Size and type of measuring flume
- g. Location and types of headgate
- h. Pertinent remarks regarding flume condition and headgate condition.
- i. Flume Rating Information
 - 1. Date of rating
 - 2. Gage Height
 - 3. Discharge
 - 4. Shift
 - 5. Rater
 - 6. Remarks
- j. Location Road Log
- k. Flume Photograph

The form that is intended for this project is illustrated.

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(8. Aerial Photo Line Diagram

It is suggested and depending on cost that the State Engineers Office secure for each Division a strip aerial photograph of all streams and, in turn, the various Division Engineers Offices could locate and actually construct a line diagram on the aerial photos.

- 9. To brief all Supreme Court decisions regarding water, and furthermore, to brief all of those cases which have had a major influence in the development of water case law. Division Engineers certainly are not expected to perform as attorneys, however, they should be familiar with all major court decisions.
- 10. To re-design the Water Commissioners Field Books, the annual Ditch Report form and the Annual Reservoir Report form.
- 11. Prepare an outline illustrating an ideal and uniform Division Engineers Annual Report.

IV. COMMENTS REGARDING SENATE BILL 81

- 1. A uniform chart, adaptable to computer operations, for the tabulation of Division Water Rights should be made available to all Division Engineers not later than 1 January, 1970.
- 2. A uniform chart once designed and adaptable to computer operations and prepared by Division Engineers on a District basis could be programmed and the Division Priority Tabulation as required by Senate Bill 81 could be prepared by computer.
- 3. It is suggested that consideration be given to the preparation of a visual chart(similar to S.E.C.W.C.D. Brochure No. 6) that would more vividly illustrate the Division Priorities and at the same time the required priority tabulation would be produced.
- 4. It is also suggested that we do not ask for an extension of time from the Legislature as I am sure the priority tabulation can be completed as scheduled by Senate Bill 81. However, if a time extension is requested, no more than an additional six months is required.
- 5. Selling price of the tabulated priorities is much too low.

V. DITCH RECORDER INSTALLATIONS

- 1. The project of ditch recorder installations instituted in Water District No. 16 in 1968 has now been completed. Fifty recorders have been installed and are operating on both the Cucharas and Huerfano Rivers. The project was completed in spite of the opposition of the local Water Commissioner. The Water Commissioner now refuses to work up the charts claiming ignorance of the method employed and the amount of time involved.
- 2. Generally speaking, nearly all of the main stream diversions in all Districts, excepting Water District No. 18, are adequately flumed and recorded. Water users in Water District No. 18 will receive orders within the next month to commence with the installation of recorders and adequate flumes, headgates and wastegates.
- 3. If the State Engineer intends to implement an adequate "Surface Diversion Accounting System" it will be necessary for the Division Engineer to issue orders for installation of flumes and recorders on all tributary streams.

INCOMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS OF WATER COMMISSIONERS VI.

- Activities and interests of Water Commissioners in fields other than 1. water administration should under no circumstances be allowed when such activities and/or interests reflect upon the character of the State Engineers Office and also require more time than the Commissioner will devote to his job of water administration. Such activities if allowed to continue, has and will within a short time create an unnecessary and unwanted scandal.
- Consequently, it is being brought to the attention of the State 2. Engineers Office that Joe Faris, Water Commissioner of Water District No. 16, has and is devoting the majority of his time to the operation of the Marlboro Inn Motel. His devotion to the motel operation has resulted in the following:
 - 1969 Water Commissioner Field Books, Ditch Report and (1)Reservoir Report has not been received by the Division Engineers Office in time to be included in this report.
 - (2) Recorder charts of 50 recorders on the Huerfano and Cucharas have not been worked up and have not been received in the Division Engineers Office.

Mariboro realty, estates stock changes hands

According to a news release, Mrs. Louise Ridenour of Colorado Springs, one of the original stockholders in Faris Marlboro Country Estates Co., has purchased all the stock owned by Joe Faris, one of the organizers and president of the company and Marlboro Realty Co.

Now the largest shareholder in the companies, Mrs. Ridenour has been elected the new president, replacing Faris. Although Faris has sold his interest in the development and realty companies, he is still controlling stockholder of the Marlboro Inn Motel complex, a separate and unassociated

entity not connected with the other Marlboro Companies.

TOTAL	WATER DISTRICT #67	WATER DISTRICT #66	WATER DISTRICT #19	WATER DISTRICT #18	WATER DISTRICT #17	WATER DISTRICT #16	WATER DISTRICT #15	WATER DISTRICT #14	WATER DISTRICT #13	WATER DISTRICT #12	WATER DISTRICT #11	WATER DISTRICT #10	WATER DISTRICT
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1,841,666	148,185	2,870	92,673	9,575	426,592	71,041	28,932	414,548	71,503	370,722	153,210	51,815	1965
1,679,321	229,478	886	72,696	7,210	378,712	58,628	16,727	259,003	69,739	391,135	139,321	55,684	1966
1,663,040	215,538	2,660	56,945	8,744	433,275	47,384	20,286	262,571	28,811	389,406	133,985	63,435	1967
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IRRIGATION DIVISION NO. 2

TRANS-MOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS OCTOBER 1, 1968 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

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TRANS-MOUNTAIN DIVERSION	TOTAL DIVERSION (ACRE FEET)	TRANSMISSION LOSSES (ACRE FEET)	TOTAL ALLOWABLE STORAGE (ACRE FEET)	NUMBER OF DAYS OF DIVERSION	AVERAGE DAILY DIVERSION (ACRE FEET)
COLUMBINE DITCH	1,955.98	40.88	1,915.10	119	16.44
EWING DITCH	1,244.62	23.91	1,220.71	131	9.50
WURTZ DITCH	2,458.50	40.30	2,418.20	126	19.51
LARKSPUR DITCH	587.30	8.19	579.11	143	41.07
BUSK – IVANHOE TUNNEL	6,879.00	43.36	6,835.64	187	36.79
HOMESTAKE TUNNEL	32,171.56	86.68	32,084.88	352	91.40
TWIN LAKES TUNNEL	50,808.66	442.01	50,366.65	365	13.92
TOTAL	96,105.62	685.33	95,420.29		

Note: C.F.S. x 2.00=Acre Feet

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