Div. #6

Steamboat Springs, Colorado November 24, 1960

Mr J. E. Whitten State Engineer Denver, Colorado

#### Dear Mr. Whitten:

I herewith present my annual Report for Irrigation Division No. 6 for 1960.

Attached are the tabulations of the Water commissioner's ditch and reservoir reports.

first water recorded for direct irrigation was March 200 the last day November 1. The irrigation season extended over a period of 226 days. The average number of days of water carried in the various districts varied from 51 days in district 44 to 121 days in district 43. The wide variance in dates was due to the smaller drainages drying up early in the irrigation season, which apparently is an average situation.

Most streams were slightly short of normal for water supply but not as short as was first contemplated by snow surveys and runoff forcasts. Acceptable

feet of reservoir capacity in division 6, with a storage of 17,059 acre feet as of May 1. The 2833 acre foot difficultency was due mainly to reservoirs not being used rather

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than a lack of flow to fill. For the most part, the main reservoirs in the division filled; however, the November lst carry-over is less than average particularly in district 58 where the bulk of the larger reservoirs are located.

Precipitation in the division during the irrigation season was for the most part below average. The only exception being district 43 which had spring precipitation that compared favorably with the average. The summer and fall precipitation was generally far below normal.

The temperatures probably had more effect on crop production in the division than any other factor. A hard freeze on the nites of June 2I and 22 did untold damage to all crops including pasture, hay, and small grains and was for the most part general over the entire division. Dry land hay was probably the hardest hit with production being cut in many instances as high as 70% below average. Dry land grain was probably next with production cut 10% below average to as much as 50% depending on the location of the fields. Irrigated hay and pasture were probably the least damaged however, the irrigated crops seemed to be some below average.

Small grains and hay were harvested under ideal weather conditions making the quality of the crops produced much above average.

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All the water commissioner's and deputies with the exception of Mr. Goree, Commissioner in districts 44 and 57, took and passed the civil service tests in April.

Mr. Charles Bloomfield resigned as water commissioner in district 43 and Mr. Thomas Watkins took his place in May.

Mr. Watkins had previously worked as water commissioner in district 43 and needed no training to take over the job.

Mr. A. R. Goree was admitted to Veterans Hospital in Grand Junction August 8th due to illness and was unable to work until September 14th. Mr. Roy Dale Steffen Reputy commissioner did and excellent job of carrying on the work in districts 44 and 57 during Mr. Goree's absence.

I spent a great deal of my time inspecting ditches and reservoirs and generally aquainting myself with the Division. Mr. Chase left a very complete file of records concerning business and complaints in the Division over the past forty years, which have proven invaluable in carrying on the Division affairs.

One of the biggest problems arose on Middle Hunt Creek in district 58. The Allen Basin Reservoir with a storage of 2250 acre feet, was constructed high on the drainage in 1956. The water has been measured at the outlet with a parshall flume since that time, with considerable arguments as to the stream flow and reservoir flow

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between the water users on the drainage. Deputy Commissioner Charles Gregory has had to estimate flow into the reservoir, take gage hight into consideration and attempt to satisfy both reservoir users and stream users. It became apparent that this method lift too much room for criticism so the reservoir people were ask to install parshall flumes on the three inlets to the reservoir. These were installed in September. The water will be measured thru the reservoir and it is hoped this will end the difficulty.

Interest in building reservoirs seemed to be high with two sites on Deep Creek in District 58 being planned in the preliminary stages by S.C.S. personnel and the ranchers. Several preliminary surveys were made on recreational reservoir sites for the State Game & Fish.

Construction was completed on a reservoir located on Wheeler Creek in District No. 58. The Lost Creek Reservoir was constructed for Mr. E. L. Flanagan by a private contractor under the engineering supervision of Stanley Dismuke. The dam was inspected at various stages of construction and the final inspection was made in October. This reservoir was constructed according to plans and specifications and will be used for fish culture and recreation.

Several headgates and measuring flumes were constructed over the Division. All were placed in the ditches upon verbal request with the exception of a measuring Page 5 November 24, 1960

flume on the D.D. & E. witch in District 44. An order was issued by this office to the owner of the D.D. & E. witch for a parshall flume which was installed at the end of the irrigation season.

The three headgates that were pending at the end of the 1959 irrigation season were all installed, two by Alfred Mack on Trout Creek in District 57 and one by Mike Pondella in the Davidson Dutton witch in District 74.

The cooperative operation carried on by the Wyoming Water Commissioner and the Water Commissioner of District No. 54 in Colorado, along the Little Smake Compact area. (as per agreement adopted by the State Engineers of both states and put into operation in the 1957 season) is still operating successfully as no further complaints have reached this office.

A complaint was recieved November the 11th from
Julian Massey, Jenson, Utah, one of the two Colorado
water users on Pot Creek. According to the complaint,
William Karren, the second Colorado water user, has dammed
Pot Creek solid and Massey is concerned about recieving
his water in the spring. Upon investigating the situation, it was found that the Pot Creek area was closed
for the winter, so investigation of this complaint will
have to be postponed until the first thing in the spring.

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Mr. Ralph Owens, Deputy State Engineer, and Mr. Rees Brooks visited the Division on September 29th and 30th. They inspected the Fish Creek Reservoir, the Steamboat Springs domestic storage reservoir. They made several helpful suggestions pertaining to the spill-way which has been a problem due to the terrific snow depths encountered at the site.

Respectfully submitted,

Irrigation Division Engineer

Division No. 6

## TABULATION OF WATER COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL DITCH REPORTS FOR IRRIGATION SEASON OF 1960

DISTRICT NO.	NO. OF DITCHES REPORTED	AMOUNT OF A APPROPRIATION CUBIC FEET PER SECOND	CAPACITY OF DITCHES SEC. FEET	FIRST DAY WATER WAS USED	LAST DAY WATER WAS USED
43	51	520.67	673.00	3-20	10-20
44	118	524.76	847.00	4-4	10-25
54	49	144.40	359.00	4-28	10-30
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DISTRICT NO.	AVERAGE NO. DAYS WATER CARRIED	AVERAGE DAILY AMOUNT CARRIED IN SEC. FEET	NO. OF ACRE FEET USED	TOTAL NO. ACRES IRRIGATED
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44	51	474.24	49,977	25,783
54	73	198.95	32,228	9,655
57	79	236.42	39.417	14,539
58	68	1099.50	169,663	54.086
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	STOCK WATER	5	55	7.564.413
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54	IRRIGATION	1	30	398 17,345,000
	STOCK WATER	1	10	1,436,400
	TOTAL	2	40	18,781,400
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