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MEETING ON THE CURLEW VALLEY

This has been very informative to the State Engineer to have all of your various opinions and requests. I think that we have taken notice of most of these and at this time I will give you the story on what I feel that we will do in the next period of time.

I am aware of the USGS study, in fact, very aware of that it is being done with Fish & Game money, that doesn't necessarily mean that it is a Fish & Game study. I think Mr. Arnold tried to point that out. *ARNOLD*

I am one of the 17 advisors to the USGS back in Washington and if they tried to get away from giving us facts and figures from an unbiased viewpoint, I would be one of the biggest hollers in the United States against it. So I feel that this study is a valuable study and is not being made by any particular person or for any particular benefit except to find out where the water is and as much as we can with our program, what it is doing and what the effect of development is going to have on the valley.

Now these target dates of finishing, I think, was it Jay, June 30, 1973, I think those are good and keep the USGS on the ball and makes them come up with something at a particular time and I do recognize especially they do get involved in some test drilling of their own and perhaps some that might involve you folks.

We could get valuable information by June 30, 1973. For this reason I am going to schedule another meeting, a public meeting, to be held in Jan. 1974, and so any decision that I make today relative to a change in a cut-off date will be again analyzed in Jan. of 1974. There will be no five year extensions. There will be nothing that will go beyond this particular time.

I feel at that at that time we should have a comprehensive report by the USGS. I think that at that time we should expect the USGS to come in and inform us all of the results of their study and I think it will be beneficial to us all. With that in mind and with the request that have been stated here, I feel that perhaps if there is a continuation of diligence, that the cut-off date of August 31, 1972 will be modified in this manner only; that we will require all who don't have a well drilled by August 31, 1972, that there be a well drilled once each year, one well a year, until through one for 1972 and one for 1973. Beyond that, I am making no commitments. So I think, Mr. Taylor, that you maintain that you have been diligent in your perusal of the filing that you have approved. I think that we may have been over generous in approving too many for you at one time, but that is beyond the question now.

Question:

But regardless of that, we will then require you to have a well drilled in 1972 and one in 1973 and the penalty if you don't drill such a well will be that you lose one of your applications for a denial of an extension of time. This same policy will go to everybody else, this is across the board, that is any application that are pending. We want to have a well drilled in "72" and one in "73". Now as to proof, I think some of their marked approved, I realize that proof does involve additional expenditures of money because you have to make and clear your land, you have to prepare your land and develop and it does cause a considerable amount of extra expense and work. However, I do feel that this proof should be pursued as your well is drilled, your land should be prepared and I don't want wells just being drilled and left there as wells. I want wells drilled, land prepared, and I feel that within two years after the well is drilled that proof should be submitted or that application still be denied, even though the well is drilled, because of lack of diligence.

That is giving you two years beyond the drilling of your well. AS to the request for stockwatering, Mr. Hansen has corrected me. He said that we are at the present time allowing up to 44 gpm per well, which is a little better than the 7 that has been enforced in some areas. This would be for stockwatering and domestic purposes and irrigation not to exceed 1/2 of an acre. That is the policy that is now ~~in effect~~ enforced in full and we will continue that until our next meeting in Jan. 1974.

I believe that covers most of the points.

Now this will be the public policy of the State Engineer. You won't be imposed by the August 31, 1972 dead line but you will be cut-off if you don't drill a well this year and next year. (Earl cuts in) That is in compliance with the submitting of the proper form and complying with the 14-year period. Mr. Staker points out kind of a procedure technicality that many of your are running up against your 14 year period and that does require the filing of more documents and advertising of your extension of time and so my statements are going to be modified by any procedure that you may do wrong. Now I am saying that if you do everything right procedurally, this will be the policy of the State Engineer. Now is there an questions?

Question:

Then I think your given until 1974 to get your proof in. I said two years? "Yes."

Question:

Oh, I think this Jan. is a good time to put a cut-off on proof because that gives you the year before and your election should be filed and our engineer should be able to get out ~~and~~ before the end of your irrigation season and the date of proof.

So lets say that any wells now drilled will be two years or Jan. 13, 1974. Changed to Aug. 31, 1974 to keep the bookkeeping uniform.

That means that your well will have to be completed and the engineer will have to have time to make land surveys and water measurments in connection to submitting effects of beneficial use.

Question:

I think that except for htis one little gap between Jan. 1974 and August 31, 1974, the two years hold. But in this particular instance we have about two years and 8 months.

Question:

I would say anything that is now drilled that you have to August 31, 1974 ~~xxxx~~ to make proof and if it is not made by ~~xxxx~~ then you will be cut off.

Question:

Mr. Staker youx ~~x~~ are incharge of that department, what is the procedure? Basically we ~~xxxx~~ will send a letter out, outlining the procedure basically of just what he has told you.

I think there is that one question now on these 84 219, although it does look as if this study might unearth some kind of further information, X I ~~xxxxxx~~ don't feel secure enough that we might approve any more applications prior to the Jan. meeting of 1974. That 84 and the 219 will stay status quo. We will ~~reject~~ reject them but we will not approve them either. Now is ther anything else I have left out?

Question

Well, anything that you are now using the water on, you ~~will~~ are always safer if you segregate your application and make your proof. If you do that, then nothing can go wrong. If you wait till the rest of it is done, you might make a slip some where and get something that might be regretable.

Question:

Now it is really two more years, 1974.

Question:

You have got to have the one well drilled on Aug. 31, 1974. Yea that is right, but if you have two wells you ^{can't} have one well this year and one next but if you don't drill one this year and have a pending application, that application goes.

Question:

Now you have brought in another point. If you have more than one well on an application I thind we ---

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