

Union Valley Res.
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FUN IN THE MAKING—Union Valley Reservoir, 15 miles north of Highway 50 from Riverton, will be nearly full this summer and has already been stocked with many thousands of rainbow fingerlings and Kokanee salmon. It is the main water shortage reservoir of SMUD's Upper American River Project. The District plans to more than double the electrical output of this development and thereby fully develop a natural resource with the added benefits of water conservation and recreation. The additions are to be financed by \$100,000,000 in tax-free revenue bonds to be voted upon May 14.

New Fishing Sites Loom In Upper American Move

Recreation is one of the two major side benefits to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Upper American River Project. Water conservation is the second and low-cost power is the development's prime objective.

The new fishing areas opening in El Dorado County as a result of SMUD's project are expected to receive the attention of many fishermen this May. Later in the year, camping and boating will add to the recreational activities.

The lakes and reservoirs in the project store a maximum 425,000 acre-feet—approximately half the water storage possible in Folsom Reservoir. The new and major

storage reservoir, Union Valley, is expected to come within a very few feet of its maximum elevation since late spring snows have added much water in the Union Valley drainage basin.

Making this new mountain playland possible is the production of low-cost power to help meet the electrical needs of the Sacramento area. The original, or basic, project develops 238,000 kilowatts in four powerhouses. The addition of five more plants will up this electrical output to over 600,000 kilowatts.

On May 14 a \$100 million revenue bond election will be held. If passed, the tax-free bonds will finance these additions.

From the fisherman's standpoint, even though he may be hampered by late spring snow, the best fishing possibilities in SMUD's project area are Ice House Reservoir and the new Union Valley Reservoir. Both reservoirs have been planted by the State Department of Fish and Game with many thousands of Rainbow fingerlings and Kokanee salmon. Some of these are expected to be of catchable size this season. In addition, many streams in the area may prove to be good fishing. Reservoirs will help maintain an even flow of water and a slow melt would help many other streams.

While there are recreational facilities at Ice House, they are not expected to be open at the first of the fishing season but will be in operation under Forest Service supervision this summer.