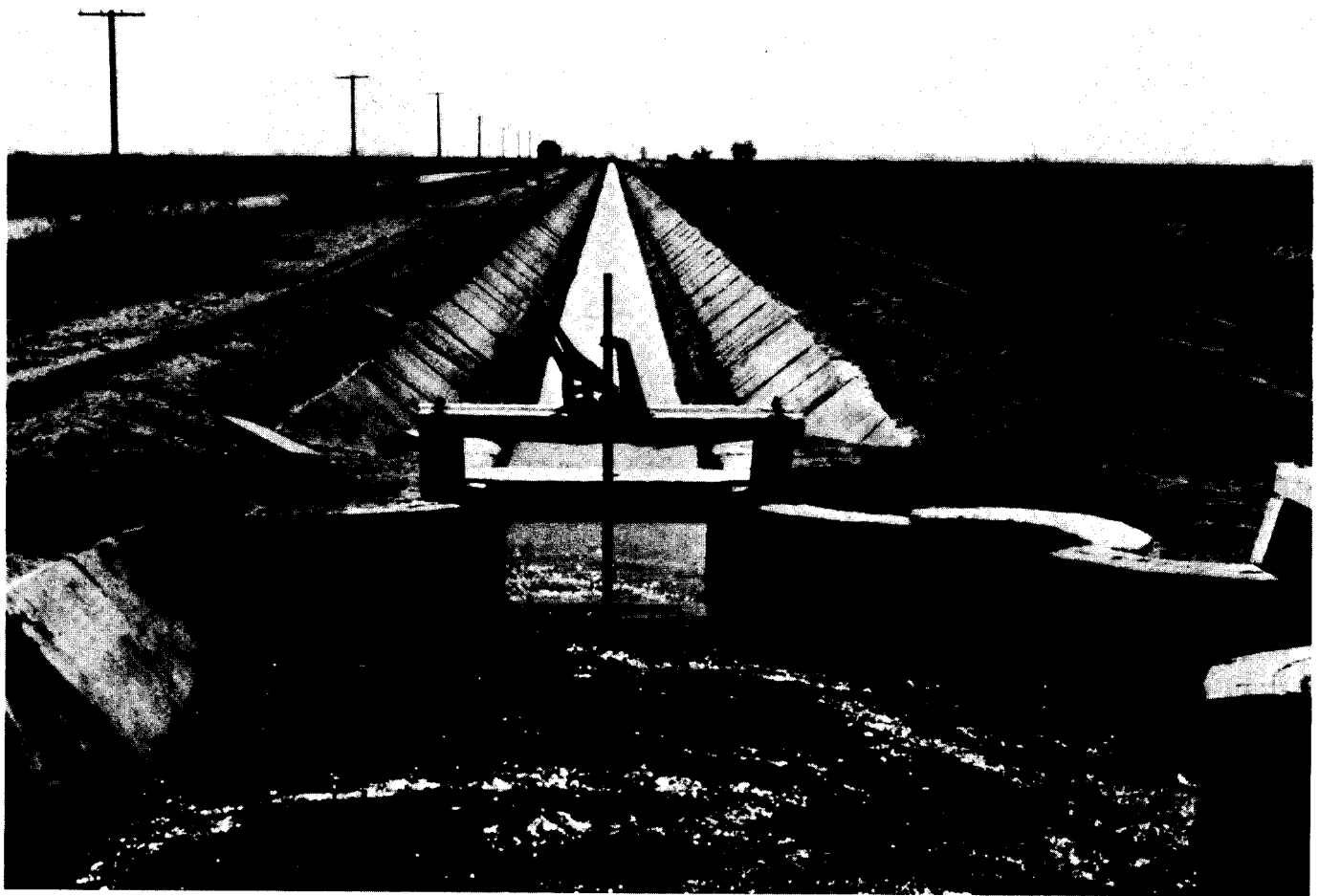


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FOREWORD

The investigation of water use practices in the Imperial Irrigation District was made pursuant to Water Code Section 275 in response to allegations made by a private citizen--John J. Elmore--that the District follows "wasteful and unreasonable policies and practices" in the distribution of water for irrigating crops in that important agricultural area.

In carrying out our assignment, we examined each of Mr. Elmore's charges and compared the "policies and practices" of Imperial Irrigation District with those of similar water agencies elsewhere in the State.

We found that, although the operations of the District are improving, there is water in Imperial Valley now being wasted, which could be saved for beneficial uses.

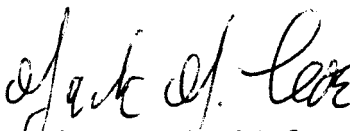

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COVER PHOTO--A concrete-lined District irrigation canal (lateral), near Holtville. DWR Photo 5715-4.

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