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Applications 1692, 2270, 6138

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On January 7 Mr. Thomas Maule, attorney, and W. E. Jenkinson, Secretary-Manager, of the El Dorado Irrigation District called to discuss the permits of the District.

Mr. Maule stated that the District would not raise the Webber Creek dam any higher, it having been stopped by Mr. Hawley's office on account of the instability of the dam if built to a higher level. Therefore license is in order on the first number in the amount said to have been stored and used by Mr. Kibbey.

Application 6138 was filed to take additional water for storage in the Webber Creek reservoir and since the dam cannot be raised higher Mr. Maule stated that this filing might be revoked.

In respect to Application 2270, the District has some vague plans for a trade or exchange of waters with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, but these plans seem to be somewhat indefinite at the present time. However, the purchase of the Diamond Ridge Water System involves the repair and use of certain facilities of that system which it would otherwise be necessary to duplicate under Application 2270 and therefore Mr. Conkling advised that a certain part of the cost of the acquisition and rehabilitation of this system might be advanced as diligence under Application 2270. Accordingly Mr. Jenkinson was requested by Mr. Maule to prepare and forward such a statement to the Division.

The completion date for the next unit specified in the Section 11 order issued on these applications will not expire until December 31, 1945. This applies to the construction of the Hazel Valley Reservoir dam and the conduit extension from Webber Creek to Camino Ridge. While the District expects to do this work at some future date, Mr. Conkling advised that no definite extension would be allowed but that the permits would be allowed to pend until approximately that date arrives. They will, however, be required to submit the customary statements of diligence each year which can probably be done as a result of the acquisition of the Diamond Ridge System.

One of the reasons given why the District will not build the Hazel Valley Reservoir now is lack of funds. A second reason is that a certain amount of water was acquired with the Diamond Ridge System. The third reason is the hazy indefinite plan to secure water from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company from Medley Lakes. It is doubtful, however, if this latter plan materializes. Mr. Maule stated that the Pacific Gas & Electric Company had made some tentative offer to furnish them water from these lakes if the District would give up some of its direct diversion right upon the South Fork of the American River which it takes from the American River flume near the 14 Mile House. This right antedates the present water law and it is claimed by the District that it has a right to 1600 miners' inches which costs the District approximately 10 cents an inch according to Mr. Maule.

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