BRIEF REPORT

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

LEAGUE OF THE SOUTHWEST

Salt Lake, January 21, 22, 1921.

By

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Meeting held at State Capitol.

In attendance:

Arizona, W.S. Norviel, State Water Commissioner.
California,* W.F. McClure, State Engineer.
Colorado, (A.J. McGone, State Engineer.
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Nevada, (R.I. Keeler, Special Deputy State Engineer.
New Mexico, A.J. Sorugham.
Utah, G.F. McGone, State Engineer.
Wyoming, F.C. Emerson, State Engineer.
U.S. Reo. Service, (F.E. Weymough
(Harold Conkling

* Did not arrive until morning of 22nd.

Conference re-convened on morning of 22nd for

benefit of Mr. McClure.

oo State Engineer, L. A. Gillett unable to

attend.
Meeting called to order at 10:30 A. M. by Chairman A. J. McCune. Proceedings taken in shorthand by Miss Niel of State Engineer's Office, Utah.

Absent, State Engineer McClure of California.
" Gillett of New Mexico.

Address by A. J. McCune 15 minutes.
" by Gov. Mabey Utah 3 "

Mr. Emerson of Wyoming nominates Mr. Neumouth of U.S.R.S. as Secretary, Colorado River Commission.

Mr. Neumouth gave a short talk on Boulder Canyon Dam site explorations and said $60,000 had been guaranteed by Imperial Valley interests for investigations on the lower river. 3 dam sites in Boulder Canyon to be explored, 2 in Black Canyon by diamond drill. Mentioned 2,000,000 acres in United States under Boulder Canyon reservoir 700,000 acres in Old Mexico.

Mr. Emerson gave a strong talk on protection of Wyoming right to use of water for future development which will be slow and in small units. Advocated a concrete form of agreement that would safeguard Wyoming. Mr. McCune endorses Mr. Emerson's statements as presenting Colorado's attitude. Mr. McDonagle concurs for Utah.

Brief discussion of Federal Water Power Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A. M. until 2:00 P. M. convened at 2:30 P. M.

Mr. S. R. Ince, general manager of Utah Power and Light Company gave a brief talk on power needs of Salt Lake area and contemplated development by that company at Flaming Gorge Dam site and elsewhere on the Green River.

General discussion of Bill on Interstate Compacts and re-drawn in general form by A. J. Sorugham of Nevada with following changes:

1. "High Commissioner" changed to an authorized representative.
2. Commission shall function as soon as five states have complied with necessary provisions. (this change to prevent one state or United States from hanging up action.)
3. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of original bill omitted because local in character.
Committee of three appointed to have presented to Congress bill embodying general features of revised bill.

Short talks by Conkling, Meeker and Weymouth on need of physical facts and all data pertaining to development in respective states and interchange of same.

On motion by Mr. Sorgyham U. S. R. S office (F. B. Weymouth Secretary) Denver, made clearing house for submission of all data by various states and exchange of U.S.R.S. data. To be submitted in 90 days.

Adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The next meeting to be held at Phoenix or in California.

January 22nd.
State Engineer McClure arrived during night. Delay due to train wreck. Commission re-convened in State Engineer McDonagles’s office for one hour’s conference re proceedings of January 21st for benefit of Mr. McClure. Mr. McClure voiced for California desire to cooperate with other states and U.S.R.S. in working out problems of the Colorado River.

Harmony prevailed during the meetings and there were no discordant notes as to working together. Power possibilities were recognized to be as important as irrigation. Copies of original bill and revised bill for interstate compacts herewith attached. Copies of proceedings will be mailed to each State Engineer in a short time.

Meeker
Special Deputy State Engineer.
A BILL
FOR

Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. The Governor of Colorado shall appoint a Commissioner who shall represent the State of Colorado upon a joint Commission to be composed of Commissioners representing the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, and a duly authorized representative of the United States of America, to be constituted by said states and the United States for the purpose of negotiating and entering into a compact or agreement between said states and between said states and the United States, with consent of Congress, respecting the future utilization and disposition of the waters of the Colorado River and all streams tributary thereto and fixing and determining the rights of said states and the rights of the United States in and to the use, benefit and disposition of the waters of said stream, provided however, that any compact or agreement so entered into by said states and the United States shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the high contracting parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified and approved by the Legislatures of each of said states and by the Congress of the United States.

Section 2. The Governor of Colorado shall notify the Governor of Arizona of the appointment of the Commission for Colorado as soon as said Commissioner shall have been appointed and qualified, but said Commissioner for Colorado shall not enter upon the performance of his duties until a Commissioner to serve
upon said Joint Commission shall have been named and have qualified for each of the states mentioned in Section 1 hereof, and until the United States shall have designated its representative to act upon said Joint Commission and until the fact of the appointment of said Commissioners for all of said states and the representative of the United States shall have been officially communicated and made known to the Governor of Arizona. Upon failure of all of said states and of the United States to have designated their respective Commissioners and representative upon said Joint Commission and, except Arizona, to have officially communicated said facts to the Governor of Arizona, on or before July 1st, 1922, and upon failure of the Governor of Arizona to have notified the Governor of each of said states, except Arizona, and the accredited representative of the United States of the appointment and qualification of all of the members of said Joint Commission on or before said date, the appointment of the Commissioner for Colorado hereunder shall, without further act, cease and terminate and he shall be relieved of any further duties hereunder and the appropriation herein made shall thereupon revert to the general fund of the State.

Section 3. As soon as the Commissioner for Colorado shall be called upon to enter upon the performance of his duties, as hereinafter provided, he shall be furnished a competent stenographer capable of taking and extending testimony and of performing such clerical duties as may be required by such Commissioner, and he shall also be furnished such legal and engineering assistants as the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Colorado may deem advisable and necessary.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the State Engineer and of the Division Engineers and Water Commissioners in all irrigation divisions and water districts comprising streams within the drainage area of the Colorado River in Colorado to aid and assist the Commissioner for Colorado wherever essential to facilitate the work of said Commissioner, and to bring about a speedy and satisfactory adjustment between said states and between said states and the United States as provided in Section 1 hereof.

Section 5. The compensation of the Commission for Colorado and of his stenographic and other assistants shall be fixed by the Governor and Attorney General and he and they shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of his or their duties both within and without the State of Colorado.
Section 6. Said Commissioner for Colorado shall have full authority to make any and all investigations of the Colorado River and the drainage area thereof, which may become necessary in order to sufficiently advise said Commissioner of the physical conditions obtaining upon said stream and of the present and future needs of the State of Colorado and its citizens to the use and benefit of the waters of said stream, and to that end said Commissioner shall have authority to administer oaths, examine and require the attendance of witnesses and to perform such other duties as may be necessary to sufficiently apprise said Commissioner of the facts and furnish him with adequate information in order that he may properly perform his duties as Commissioner for Colorado upon said Joint Commission.

Section 7. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, including the payment of an equitable portion of the cost and expenses of said Joint Commission, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes herein provided. Said appropriation shall be a continuing appropriation of the first class and may be used within or without the State of Colorado. The compensation of the Commissioner, stenographer and other necessary assistant, together with all traveling and other necessary expenses, and all other costs and charges and necessary expenditures hereunder, shall be paid monthly upon vouchers approved by the Governor and Attorney General and warrants drawn for the payment thereof upon the State Treasurer by the State Auditor in the ordinary manner.

Section 8. The General Assembly hereby finds, determines and declares that this act and each and every sentence, phrase and clause thereof is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

Section 9. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists, therefore, this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.
REVISED BILL.

Section 1. The Governor of __________, or other authorized competent agent, shall appoint an authorized representative who shall represent the State of __________ on a joint Commission to be composed of a representative of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, and a duly authorized representative of the United States of America, such Commission to be constituted for the purpose of negotiating and entering into a compact or agreement between said States, and between said States and the United States, with the consent of Congress, respecting the further utilization and disposition of the waters of the Colorado River and streams tributary thereto, and fixing and determining the rights of said States and the rights of the United States in and to the use, benefit and disposition of the waters of said stream, provided however, that any compact or agreement so entered into by said States and the United States shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the high and contracting parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified and approved by the Legislatures of the said States and by the Congress of the United States.

Section 2. The Governor of __________ shall notify the Governor of (blank other States) of the appointment of the representative of __________ as soon as said representative shall have been appointed and qualified, but said representative shall not enter upon the performance of his duties until a representative to serve upon said Joint Commission shall have been named and qualified for at least five of the States named in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. Said representative from __________ shall have full authority to make any and all investigations of the Colorado River and the drainage area thereof, which may become necessary in order to sufficiently advise said representative of the physical conditions obtaining upon said stream, and of the present and future need of the State of __________ and its citizens to the use and benefit of the waters of said stream. To that end, said representative shall have authority to administer oaths, examine and require the attendance of witnesses, and to perform such other duties as may be necessary to sufficiently apprise said representative of the facts and furnish him with adequate information in order that he may properly perform his duties as representative of the State of upon said Joint Commission.

Note: On January 22nd, on motion by State Engineer Emerson of Wyoming the United States were allowed two authorized representatives. Correction ordered in this re-drawn bill.