

## Facts About South Platte Association

The South Platte Water Users Association met Friday, Jan. 8 in the Denver city and county building. The Jefferson Sentinel, Lakewood, had three items in the January 14 issue sbsbababab concerning the meeting.

One item said: "To clarify and make more specific the basic agreement and to assure the western slope protestors that the city of Denver is not intending nor wishes to appropriate any water for agricultural purposes was the purpose of the meeting last Friday. After a couple of hours of discussion (Glenn) Saunders moved and Fred Arnd of Adams County seconded that the supplemental agreement be adopted."

I wrote to the Jefferson Sentinel asking for a copy of the amendment. I received the following reply: We do have a copy of the agreement between the South Platte Water Users Association and the Denver Water Board in our files. Glenn T Saunders, attorney for the Denver Water Board would probably furnish you with a copy.

"As I understand it, the agreement was drawn up in 1941 and it calls for a cooperative development of any Blue River water that eight groups might obtain in the future. The agreement has not been amended, only clarified."

Also discussed at this meeting was aid and assistance from counties surrounding Denver.

Glenn Saunders was quoted as saying, "I can't see what good a metropolitan district can do until we get some water rights nailed down." This is in direct contradiction to what he said at the Denver City Club about water rights: "Denver owns the right to water of the Colorado River by adjudication in the courts," he said at the Club meeting.

Saunders thus failed to explain in either statement that the decree is conditional. Saunders, in typical style, tells the South Platte Association that Denver wants no irrigation water then goes back to Washington and tells congress that the tunnel, Dillon Reservoir, and Two Fork Reservoir are the core of the proposed federal plan. In other words, Mr Delaney's theory that Denver is the spearhead for the South Platte project is 100 per cent accurate.