

tional Water Commission and can't usefully be discussed in the context of the Pacific slope alone?

Mr. DOMINY. I support that completely and the Secretary has endorsed it completely.

Mr. JOHNSON. Just in my time in the Congress, we have had the Pacific Southwest plan before our committee or under consideration for a long period of time. It dealt with the water transfer from some basin within the area; that is, within reasonable reach. I think the Columbia River Basin was the one they were looking to, along with the one we had in California, perfecting—but the proposed park water plan was well known in the Congress, throughout the West.

Mr. FOLEY. I was not trying to be argumentative. I noted with pleasure that your question itself presumes that a study will be made by the National Water Commission.

Mr. HOSMER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. JOHNSON. Yes.

Mr. HOSMER. On this quality issue which was brought up momentarily, as to where you add the distilled water, I think that somewhere in your testimony, Mr. Dominy, you were talking about a time when the upper basin uses achieve some point, that the quality of the water at some point in the lower basin would be around 1,400 parts per million sale, were you not?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, my statement was that under full depletion in the upper basin, absent some measures not now taken generally to improve quality of water, that as a result of diminished flows and of return flow from irrigation, the parts per million would approach 1,400 parts plus at Imperial, unless you achieved dilution through augmentation.

Mr. HOSMER. Now, in order to bring that down to the figure of, say, a thousand parts per million, how much distilled water are you going to have to put in and where?

Mr. DOMINY. Just about 2 million acre-feet to 2.5 million acre-feet at Lake Mead or shortly downstream to get the mixing. This is what we came up with in our study.

Mr. HOSMER. So this augmentation matter is not strictly a quantity matter, it is a quality matter as well.

Mr. DOMINY. That is right.

Mr. HOSMER. Do you know what you have to put in to get it down to 800 parts per million?

Mr. DOMINY. Mr. McCarthy tells me it would take about twice that much desalted water.

Mr. HOSMER. Thus the exchanges of water on the Pacific coastal area is not going to touch this quality question at all.

Mr. DOMINY. That is correct. You have to bring it into the river to get the mixing.

Mr. HOSMER. Thank you.

Mr. JOHNSON. Getting to the power side of this question, when the Hualapai is eliminated as a source of revenues for further development, and they chose to buy a power commitment out of the private and public development, which, as I understand it, is made possible by the use of coal that is there on the public lands today, either Indian land or public domain, which have been placed under lease, I presume, to the private pool people—