

REPORT ON BEAR RIVER COMPACT MEETING HELD AT JACKSON, WYOMING, September 10, 1946, by E. J. Skeen.

A meeting was held at the Wort Hotel, Jackson, at 7:30 P.M. on September 10, 1946, to informally discuss Bear River Compact Investigations and to hear a program report by Mr. Iorns. The following were present:

Ed. H. Watson, State Engineer, Utah  
Mark C. Kulp, State Reclamation Engineer, Idaho  
L. C. Bishop, State Engineer, Wyoming  
Floyd, Assistant State Engineer, Wyoming  
W. V. Iorns, U.S.G.S.  
Carl G. Paulsen, U.S.G.S.  
Gerald Irvine, Utah Power & Light Co.  
Milton T. Wilson, U.S.G.S.  
E. J. Skeen, Bureau of Reclamation

Mr. Watson presided, and called on Mr. Iorns to report the status of his work. Iorns said that the data on the 1945 water measurements has been compiled and is ready for reproduction and binding. He said that the work could be done in Washington, D. C. by the U.S.G.S., but that the report could not be prepared for about a year. Mr. Paulsen corrected him and said that the report could be prepared in about six months. Mr. Iorns asked if the Regional Office of the Bureau of Reclamation had received the printing equipment it had been expecting, and, if so, whether the Bureau could do the work and take credit against funds advanced under the cooperative contract. If the equipment has not been received, Iorns suggested that possibly the Bureau's funds could be used and the money credited to the Bureau under the contract.

Iorns said that the 1945 report would be very similar to the 1944 report, and that they saw no reason for delaying analysis of the factual data for compact drafting purposes pending the completion and distribution of the 1945 report. He stated that if he did the work with the advise and assistance of Mr. Wing it would take about one year to make the necessary analysis and to prepare an initial draft of a compact. The expense would be \$8,000, which would cover Iorns salary, stenographic services, and travel. Of this sum, approximately \$3,000 would be available from funds now on hand. This amount would be left over this year because measurement of certain tributaries had been omitted as a result of action taken at the Montpelier meeting.

Mr. Bishop and others stated that the states do not have on hand additional funds to pay the extra expense of analyzing the facts but that the next legislature in each state would, no doubt, make the necessary appropriations. The question was asked as to whether the Bureau still objected to the use of cooperative funds to pay for analysis of engineering data. I stated that as far as I knew, there had been no change in the Bureau's construction of the contract.

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Iorns said that he would meet/the Bureau officials in a few days to discuss plans for printing the 1945 report and related matters.

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