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RIVER BASIN

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INTRODUCTION AND PROGEDURE

The San Jacinto Basin drains the west slope of the San Jacinto Mountains in Riverside County. The San Jacinto River, which originates in the junction of the North Fork South Fork, and Strawberry Creek near the same at the base of these mountains, flows eventually into Elsinore Lake. Here it stays and evaporates except in years of extreme flood when it has overflowed in the past into the Santa Ana River thru Temescal Canyon.

The object of this report is to determine, if possible, the amount of water still available for agricultural use, if any, and to study means of making this water useful. The first portion consists of estimates of the stream flow and run-off of the basin from available records. These estimates, so far as the stream flow of Strawberry Creek, South Fork, and North Fork is concerned, are also used in the latter part in the study of possible storage, where actual measurements are lacking. The second portion shows the requirements for various uses in the basin, including maintenance of Lake Elsinore, ground water, and surface water, in relation to the estimated run-off. The third part is a consideration of the duty of water in the basin. The final part is a study of the proposed increase in the surface water use by the diversion of a portion of the flow of Strawberry Creek into Lake Hemet Reservoir.

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TABLE I

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION AT LAKE HEMET

(From records of Lake Hemet Water Co.)

Season	Rainfall in.	Snowfall in.	Equivalent Rrec. in.
1899-1900	I4.80	30.0#	17.8
1900-01	I7.87	30.0#	20.9
1901-02	13.43	30.0#	16.4
I902-03	17.9I	30.0#	20.9
I903-04	12.34	. 30 . 0#	I5.3
1904-05	23.20	30.0#	26.2
I 905-06	26.26	30 . 0#	29.3
1906-07	24.7I	32.5	27.9
I907-08	23.76	I7.0	25.5
I908-09	23.25	15.9	23.8
I909-I0	I425	44.4	I8.6
1910-II	18.75	10.5	19.8
I9II - I2	II.65	49.8	I6.6
1912-13	II.33	30.0养	I4.3
I9I3-I4	22.55	2.0	22.8
I914-I 5	23.06	38.5	26.8
I9I5-I6	I5.95	46.0	20.7
I9I6-I7	II.8I	51.5	17.0
I9I7 - I8	I3.59	30 . 0#	I6.6
I9 I8- I9	II.I9	30.0#	14.2
I922-23	I3.05	25.5	I5.6

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Equivalent precipitation includes snowfall at one tenth its depth of rainfall

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indicates that snowfall is assumed as the average for years of record

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TABLE II

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION AT HEMET, CAL.

(From records of Lake Hemet Water Co.)

Season	Precipitation in.	Season	Prec. in.
1910 - 11	I4.84	I9I7 - I8	I3.46
I9II - I2	I2.96	1918-19	8.96
1912-13	IO.75	1919-20	I3.74
1913-14	20.73	1920-2I	8.77
1914-1 5	24.I6	1921- 22	25.80
1915- 16	19.50	1922-23	8.65
1916-17	15.07		

Rainfall records at other points in the basin are taken from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Paper 429

TABLE III

ELEVATION AND MEAN ANNUAL PRECIPITATION AT DIFFERENT POINTS

IN BASIN

E	levation	Mean Prec i	ipitation n.	Ratio to That At San L acinto
	. *	I892-I902	1901-II	iod
Lake Hemet	4500		22.5	I.64
Idyllwild	5200		27.8	2.02
Beaumont	2600	I4.33		I.27
San Jacinto	I550	II.3I	I3.76	I.00

From the above table the curve entitled "Curve Showing Relation of Precipitation to Elevation" was plotted.

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ESTIMATION OF DISCHARGE SOUTH FORK AT LAKE HEMET

(INFLOW INTO LAKE HEMET)

Records of the heights of water in Lake Hemet at intervals of one month, as well as the maximum and minimum heights for each year which indicated the heights at the beginning and end of irrigation draft, were secured over the period from 1909 to 1922, from records of the Lake Hemet Water Co.

The inflow during the winter months when the lake was closed was estimated by taking the difference in the capacities, from the capacity curve for the lake, corresponding to the heights of water at the beginning and the end of each month. These monthly flows were not correcestimated ted for evaporation, which is slight during the rainy season, and are therefore estimates only instead of actual values. In months in which there was spill over the crest of the dam the amount of this spill as taken from records of the company was added to the above inflow corresponding to an increase in water level.

The monthly depth of evaporation in inches assumed for the corrections were as follows:

March	2	August	8
April	3	September	7
May	5	October	5
June	8	November	2
July	8		

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For the months in which the lake was under draft a different method had to be pursued as water was flowing in and out at the same time. For the year s from 1909 th I914 records of the total draft on the lake are available. For these years the difference in capacities corresponding to the water levels at the beginning and end of draft, corrected for evaporation, gives the apparent draft. The difference between this and the measured draft, which is always larger gives the inflow into the lake during the period.

For years since I9I4 records of draft were not accessible, but records of total water deliveries are available for all years. For these years, therefore, the monthly inflow into Lake Hemet, as well as the flow in Strawberry and North Fork, was estimated for the season of draft as follows. The monthly water delivery was increased by I5 % to allow for losses. This amount is reasonable as it was assumed for the Riverside system of similar canals, concrete and wood. Some actual fragmentary measurements made on the Lake Hemet system indicate a loss of about I0 %. This monthly diversion is derived from three sources during the season of draft:

(I) Total flow of North Fork

(2) Total flow of Strawberry

(3) Draft on Lake Hemet

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Therefore the difference between the estimated diversion and the apparent draft on the lake as determined above will give the combined discharge for the month of North Fork, Strawberry, and inflow into Lake Hemet. As this is small during the season of draft and since it is all available for irrigation use, it is not material how it is distributed among the three. It will therefore be divided equally.

For months in which draft does not start sufficiently near the first or last of a month to be so considered, the flow has been estimated partly by the first method and partly by the second or third. An example of this type will be given to show the method for other months as this will involve all the steps.

Example: November, 1921 (1) Total water delivery 10340 M. I. D. Total diversion, increase I5 % II900 M.I.D. 8I' 6" Ht. lake at beginning of month -----81' 5분" Less evap. for half period (period $\frac{1}{2}$ mo. to end draft) Ht. lake at end draft (Nov. 18) 78' ----11 Plus evap. allowance 781 Difference in capacities at beginning and end of period 8560 M.I.D.

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Example, cont:

Combined discharge three streams (to Nov. I8) 3340 M.I.D. Portion assumed for Lake Hemet IIIO M.I.D. (2) Ht. water Nov. I8 2ess $Plus \frac{1}{2}$ evap. for period $\frac{1}{2}$ " $77' 1/\frac{1}{2}$ " $78' \frac{1}{2}$ " Ht. water Nov. 30 $78' 9\frac{1}{4}$ " Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ evap. for period $\frac{1}{2}$ " $78' 9\frac{3}{4}$ " Difference in corresponding capacities 2020 M.I.D.

Total estimated inflow for month

3I30 M.I.D.

As the above method of estimating total diversions is necessarily inaccurate, the combined discharge in some months comes out negative. In such cases it is assumed to be zero. TABL IV

MONTHLY DISCHARGE SOUTH FORK AT LAKE HEMET

(From gage heights and drafts at Lake Hemet)

In Miners Inch Days

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Month	I909	1910	19 11	1912	1913	1914	1915	1 916 -	I9I7	I9I8	I9I 9	I920	192I	1922
Jan.	43600	67100	I5890	6050	0	39850	27480		22920	5040	4540	7310 -	I0840	49100
Feb.	68300	I67I0	30770	3030	I2360	71900	132470		41570	8060	I0080	28250	6050	206420
March	49200	I35I0	44100	29000	24200	22690	70430		3IIIO	72350	I5630	70800	I4I20	126710
April	25840	I3370	IIIOO	40100	I2I00	I6900	40970		I 9200'	I26I0	4790	42600	6550	34050
May	I3850	320 1 0	6300	I5630	4790	II350	119010		10000'	9050	6470	I6I40	8070	27500
June	3860	29510#	22220#	32090#	24000#	3780	22210		4600'	4300	I620	7560	6040	4790
July	27520#					250#	8570		2480	2620	0	5970	2070	7260
August							1210	0	, 0	1 800	0	750	I350	3280
Sept.		T.					1080		0	О	650	I380	550	280
Oct.	192						640	3500	580	2050	670	I780	2780	
Nov.					3030	2520	4550	4190	I 500	3910	5930	5800	3130	×
Dec.	20680	5290	6300	I4380	(7810)	8820	7300	10800	3080	8820	9070	6550	II4700	
Total (year)	252850	I77500	I36680	I40280	88290	I78060	435830		I37040	I 304I0	59450	I94890	I76250	
Season Total (Oct Sept.)	238000	192890	I35670	132200	91830	1775 60	434870		150370	120790	58560	1964 30	69770	579000
	11	1		•	1			1	1					

Discharge beginning this month and including that
of subsequent months until the next figure

' Interpolated from hydrograph for year

Record for most of 1916 is uncertain because most of it came in a short time and spilled over the dam. Accurate records of spill could not be obtained. The data is therefore not included.

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ESTIMATION OF DISCHARGE OF NORTH FORK AND STRAWBERRY CREEK FOR MISSING MONTHS

Because of incomplete and uncertain discharge records since the flood of I9I6 washed out many of the company's works, it was necessary to estimate as well as possible the discharge of North Fork and Strawberry Creek for many months by comparison with the inflow into Lake Hemet obtained above. This was done by obtaining the ratio of the monthly discharge of each of these streams for all months in the years from 1909 to 1915 and for 1922 (these records being complete) to the inflow into Lake Hemet in the corresponding months. The ratio for each stream of the average discharge for each month thruout the period of years to the corresponding average discharge of Lake-Hemet South Fork was also obtained. These ratios are shown in Table VII. Although there is a wide variation in the ratios, for Strawberry for example, for the same month of different years, there is a more or less definite tendency for the ratio to rise in certain months and fall in others. The ratio for a given month of the average discharge thruout the period of years is used to estimate the discharge of Strawberry and North Fork for that month in the years in which the record is missing. The inflow into Lake Hemet for a given month of the closed season is multiplied by this ratio for the given month for either stream to get estimated discharge of that stream for that month.

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This method was used only for the closed season, that in which there is no draft from the Lake and the inflow can be fairly accurately estimated from the difference in water levels. For months in the open season the method used above in estimating the inflow into Lake Hemet for the same period was used. This consisted in dividing the combined discharge, estimated by taking the difference between the assumed diversions and the apparent draft on the lake, equally among the three streams, Strawberry Creek, North Fork and South Fork or Lake Hemet.

Only three months of North fork for the several years were estimated because by the first method because the record was not needed before March at least in order to determine the possible use of natural flow for irrigation, as the season does not commence until later.

TABLE V

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF STRAWBERRY

CREEK

(Observed and Estimated)

In Miners Inch Days

								1						
Month	I909	19 1 0	I9II	1912	1913	I9I 4	1915	I9I6	19 1 7	I9I8	1 91 9	I920	I92I	I922
Jan.	19130	33600	27750	2450	5000	39400	II94 0		I6850'	3710'	3340'	5370	7980 '	44380
Feb.	24560	I9380	43230	I860	I 05 00	83200	85880		26600 '	5I 50 '	6450 '	I8060'	3870 '	77060
Ma rc h	28I50	190 30	52480	34720	33600	5 II 80	59830		302001	702001	I 5I 50 '	56460	I3640'	89150
April	35550	21000	28710	50730	26010	35220	53730	2.	27570	20800 '	10470	55820	108I0'	69460
May	24890	9420	I7I70	33570	I2060	3 3880	121550		24930	9050 '	6470 '	37070	I3 200	42240
June	7230	3960	6710	I2840	5940	IIOIO	370 7 0		I2560	4300 '	I620'	I2890	I0730	I9520
July	3720	1020	2600	4I50	2200	2910	I0960		2480'	2620'	600	4400	4310	8310
August	2820	60	620	810	900	960	34I0		, 0,	1800'	50	I480	I440	3990
Septemb	erI980	0	0	270	540	270	I830 ·		01	01	80	370	220	I020
Oct.	I360	250	460	2170	500	II80	IIIO	3500'	5801	20501	440	I650	I840	
Nov.	4410	II40	990	I950	2100	1260	2270	3150'	I500'	27001	3500'	2650	I630	
Dec.	26470	II50	I460	2140	3530	4440	6180	4 280 1	20 8 0 '	3490'	3590'	4100	28830	
Season Total (Oct Nov.) Sept	218540	I39730	181820	I43500	102510	264170	393060	5 	I74I20	I2I790	52470	199450	74600	38 743 0

' indicates estimated flow

Remaining flow from records of L. H. W. Co. Most of I9I6 omitted because flood in January washed out most of company's works and subsequent records are uncertain

TABLE VI

MONTHLY DISCHARGE OF NORTH FORK

(From records of L. H. W. Co. and estimated)

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In Miners Inch Days

				1		1	1	1						
Month	1909	1910	I9II	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	I9 I 7	I9 I8	1919	1920	192 1	I922
Jan.	23250	43880	39640	4I 50	6040	66900	I7870					5000		68560
Feb.	29960	28750	448'70	3220	I2670	I07530	III980					-		I25300
March	34750	29160	73010	60480	31920	99500	I02300	a and a second	44900 '	I04500'	22600 '	I I 6430	20400'	117200
April	35320	26730	42980	87090	41600	66360	İ026I0		I2660	31100'	32370	II32I0	I6I80'	78300
May	24020	25560	35860-	60050	22850	64800-	I59330	a sere	59630	9050 '	64704	-56020	I6950'	91620
June	9470	II060	4910	25880	32080	34950	53460		9390	4300'	I620'	I9030	20040	53740
July	8730	2350	6750	7090	3440	9240	I0720		2480'	26201	I780	I2050	6960	22600
August	5220	240	I 500	0	2050	2780	6930		01	1800'	590	4760	5440	5060
Sept.	2840	I60	760	590	1220	820	4030		0'	5920	570	7800	5010	2000
Oct.	ISIO	I360	I 530	4710	780	2220	2670	35001	580'	20 50 1	I680	7400	5290	
Nov.	5400	2640	I880	3960	3400	2870	4910	2040'	1500'	I390'	8500	8330	5100	
Dec.	7000	29440	I980	2830	4500	4710	I3650		3080'		I4000		52540	
Season Total (Oct Sept.)	188050	204550	256260	254800	I67030	46I780	530310							627400

indicates estimated flow

Record for most of I9I6 omitted because of uncertain records as in case of other streams

TABLE VII

RATIO OF MONTHLY DISCHARGES OF STRAWBERRY CREEK AND NOATH FORK TO INFLOW INTO LAKE H MET

Month	1 909	1910	I9II	1912	1913	1914	1915	19 22	Ratio Aver.
Jan.	• 44	• 50	I.75	• 40		•99	• 44	• 90	•74
Feb.	•34	I.I6	I.40	.6I	.85	I.I6	•65	.38	.64
March	.57	I.4I	I.I9	I.20	I.39	2.26	.85	.70	.97
April	I.38	I.57	2.59	I.26	2.16	2.08	I.3I	2.14	I.65
May	I.80	.29	2.73	2.15	2.52	2.98	I.02	I.54	I.28
June- Nov.	•68	•22	.51	.69	• 45	3			.52
Dec.	I.,28	.22	.23	.15	.45	.50	.25		.40

A. STRAWBERRY CREEK

B. NORTH FORK

ſ	March	.71	2.16	I.66	2.08	I.32	4.38	I.45	.92	I.44
	April	I.37	2.00	3.87	2.17	3.46	3.93	2.5I	2.85	2.47
	May	I.73	.80	5.7	3.84	4.76	5.7I	I.34	3.33	2.10

RELATION OF RUN-OFF TO RAINFALL

To determine the relation existing between rainfall and run-off on the three areas above for which satisfactory records are available, the areas of the portions tributary to the respective streams as well as the areas of all other portions of the basin (used later) were obtained. These are shown in the plate in the back of this report.

The seasonal run-off (Oct.-Sept.) of the three streams for all years of satisfactory record since I909 was then converted into acre feet. The intensity of run-off for each year for each stream was then obtained by dividing these figures by the respective areas tributary to each. This gave the result in acre feet per square mile. It was also expressed as depth in inches over the drainage area.

The Bainfall Run-off Curves for the three streams were plotted using the rainfall at Lake Hemet as the abscissa. This is merely a common base and does not truly represent the rainfall on any of the stream areas without correction for elevation which will be made later. The data for the curve are shown in Table VIII.

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TABLE VIII

RELATION OF SEASONAL RUN-OFF OF STREAMS TO SEASONAL

RAINFALL AT LAKE HEMET

(Actual rainfall at mean elevation of each area is greater)

Year	Prec. at L. H	Ru No Draina	n- off orth For age Area	k 27.5	Run Strawb Drainag s	-off erry Cr e Area q. mi.	eek 26.4	Ru South Drainage	n-off Fork Area 6	6.2 sq. mi
		Acre Ft	Acre Ft /sq. mi	Depth . in.	Acre Ft	Acre Ft /sq. mi	Depth in.	Acre Ft.	Acre Ft /sq. mi	Depth • in•
I908-09	24.8	7470	272	5.10	8685	329	6.I7	9450	I43	2.68
I909 - I0	I8.6	8I25	295	5.53	5550	210	3.94	7660	II6	2.17
19 10-11	I9. 8	10180	370	6.94	7220	273	5.12	5390	81.4	I.53
191 1- 12	I6.6	10120	368	6.90	5700	216	4.05	· 5250	79.4	I.49
1912 - 13	I4.3	6630	24I	4.52	4070	154	2.89	3650	55.I	I.03
19 13-14	22.8	I8340	667	1251	I049 0	397	7.45	7250	109.8	2.06
1914 - 15	26.8	23040	838	I5.72	15610	59I	II.09	I74I0	263	4.93
19 17- 18	16.6							5 1 70	78.I	I.46
I9I8-I9	I2.7						a".	2724	4I.2	. 77
1919-20								8020	121. 2	2.27
1920 - 21		r				. A	4 8	2675	40.4	•76
1921-22		24920	907	I7.02	I5380	582	10.92	I96 I 0	296	5.55
Mean 8 yr.		I3600			9090			9450		. *

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Curves Showing Relation of Seasonal Run-aff per Sy Mi to Seasonal Rainfall on San Jacinto Basin



Seasonal Run off per Sq Mi (acre ft) for Area Indicated

TABLE IX

SEASONAL INFLOW INTO LAKE HEMET 1895 TO 1908 (From estimates of Division of Water Rights, Calif.)

S	eason	Annual Acre	Run-off Ft.	Annual M. I	Run-off . D.
I895-	96	245	5	6180	0
I896-	97	.607	0	I5280	0
I897-	98	250	в	6060	0
I898-	99	I 82	2	4590	0
I899-	1900	205	2	5I70	0
I900-	OI	467	5	II770	0
190I-	02	291	I , ,	7330	0
I902-	03	503	0	I2660	0
I903-0	4	224	0	5640	0
I904-	05	642	5	I6I80	0
I905-	06	I809	0	45520	0
I906-	07	I089	0	27410	0
1907-	08	4 I 5	0	I04 4 0	0

These estimates by the Division of Water Rights of the State of California Department of Public Works were made in the same essential manner as the estimates prepared above for Lake Hemet since I909, using the heights and discharges from the lake.

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ESTIMATION OF SEASONAL RUN-OFF FOR WHOLE BASIN

The estimation of the run-off for those portions of the basin for which no records are available was made, except in the case of the agricultural area, by comparison with the run-off of the three streams for which reasonable records are obtainable, North Fork, Strawberry Creek and South Fork. This was done by using the run-off curves. The average elevation of each portion into which the basin was divided for purposes of comparison and the area of each was determined from U.S.G.S. sheets. The rainfall at San Jacinto, for which records were obtained from I892 to I915 from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Paper 429, was taken'as the basis in obtaining the value of precipitation to use on the run-off curves.

This precipitation had to be corrected for each area depending upon its approximate average elevation. The correction used is called the precipitation factor. This precipitation factor was obtained by the use of the precipitation- elevation curve. Since the basic precipitation is that at San Jacinto, the precipitation at any point at a higher elevation will be approximately that multiplied by the ratio of precipitation at the higher elevation to that at San Jacinto as shown on the curve. This, however, does not give the precipitation value to use on the curveas

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it was constructed, not with the precipitation actually occurring at the average elevation of the stream whose flow was plotted, but with the precipitation at Lake Hemet. Therefore the above ratio must be divided by the ratio shown on the curve for the precipitation at the average elevation of the stream basin used for comparison to that at Lake Hemet. As the curve for ratios on Lake Hemet was constructed with the precipitation for that point indicated on the precipitation elevation curve first drawn (on San Jacinto as base) instead of the actual value, which is somewhat lower, the factor resulting above must be further corrected by multiplying it by the ratio of the actual precipitation factor of Lake Hemet on San Jacinto to that indicated as the average for that elevation on the first curve. The resulting factor is the precipitation factor.for the area in question.

All areas in the basin were compared with either Strawberry Creek or South Fork, according to which seemed to be more nearly like the area in question. The precipitation factor was then determined as above and multiplied by the annual precipitation at San Jacinto to obtain the annual precipitation to be used on the run-off curve of the area selected for comparison. The following annual or seasonal precipitations

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were thus obtained: (I) mean annual from I892 to I9I5; (2) maximum for the period; (3) minimum; (4) maximum five-year mean; and (5) minimum five year mean. The corresponding run-offs per sq. mi. from the curve were multiplied by a correction factor for run-off. This factor was so chosen as to represent the probable ratio of run-off on the area being estimated to that of the stream used for the comparison if both were at the same average elevation. A reasonable value for this factor was judged from a consideration of the characteristics of the areas involved, such as slope, character of soil and vegetation. The precipitation factor times the precipitation at San Jacinto thus gave the value to use on the run-off curve to obtain the rate of run-off per sq. mi. on an area similar in characteristics to the comparison stream, but at the elevation of the area to be estimated. The correction factor for run-off then corrected for the different character of the area and gave the probable rate of run-off on the area desired. By multiplying this value in each case by the area in sq. mi. the estimated seasonal runoff for each section was obtained, (mean, maximum, minimum, maximum 5-year mean, and minimum 5-year mean).

For the relatively flat agricultural area this method is obviously not satisfactory. In this case the surface run-off is negligible as well the under ground percolation due to rain falling on the area. The only

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factor of importance here is the ground flow due to per colation of irrigation waters, which is a matter of uncertainty. Ordinarily about 25% of the water applied as irrigation may be expected to seep away even when no over irrigation is practiced. In the San Jacinto Basin much of the water used is for cattle ranches, etc., where little loss is expected. Also some of the irrigated land seems to be under irrigated. It is therefore unlikely that more than 20% of the irrigation water applied finds its way back to the underground flow, although ranches which have plenty of well water do not skipm on its use. This assumption is therefore made in the estimate of the run-off.

Included in the estimates for different sections of the basin are of course figures for the three major streams, Strawberry, North Fork and South Fork. These, however, were obtained in a different manner. The figures for Lake Hemet or South Fork, which cover the period from 1895 to 1922, except 1916 and 1917, were used as estimated before in this report. Strawberry and North Fork were proportioned form these figures on the basis of the ratios, respectively, of their average discharges for the 8 years of complete record to that of South Fork. This was done for all values except the maximum, which was taken as that of 1921-22. As the flood year of 1915-16 would give tha max-

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the maximum value has little significance. These figures for the three streams go from 1895 to 1922 with the exception of 1915-16 and 1916-17, whereas those estimated for other portions run from 1892 to 1915. But with the ommission of these two years of high run-off there is probably little difference in the periods.

The estimates for the whole basin are shown in Table X. For the return irrigation water 20% of the irrigation in I922 was used thruout as this represents the most recent use and may be expected to continue if not to increase. The estimate therefore shows the conditions which would have occurred if this volume had been uded in the past.

For purposes of comparison an estimate of the runoff of the basin for the year I92I-22 was made and compared with the measured discharges of the San Jacinto River above San Jacinto and at Elsinore and as made by the U.S.G.S. As the rainfall at San Jacinto was not obtainable for this year, a different method of estimating was employed. This was comparison with the similar year I9I4-I5. The ratio of the discharges of Strawberry, North Fork and South Fork in the latter year to that in the former are shown below. The average ratio of the three streams was multiplied by the estimated run-off of each of the other areas, except the agricultural, to obtain

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the estimate for I92I-22.

(Jomparison of Ru	in-OII Ior Two Ie	ears
Stream	Run-off 1914 - 15	Run-off 1921-22	Ratio Latter to Former
South Fork	I74I0	I 96I0	I.I3
Strawberry	15610	I5380	•99
North Fork	23040	24920	I.08
Average		•	I.06

Table XI shows the estimate for the season I92I-22. The draft on ground water was obtained from data obtained by the Division of Water Rights for the season I92I-22. As this year was one of large run-off and there was consequently an average rise in the ground water level of several feet, the ground water flow was in excess of the draft. An allowance for this was arbitrarily taken at I0% of the ground water draft.

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TABLE X

ANNUAL RUN-OFF OF PORTIONS OF SAN JACINTO BASIN, OBSERVED

AND ESTIMATED

(Including Underground Flow)

<u>1892 TO 1915</u>

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Locality or Portion	Basic Stream	Elev. Est.	Prec. Factor	Annua	l Precip	itation	to u _{se}	on Curve	Corre	sponding A	g Run-of Acre Ft.	f per Sc	1. Mi.	Correc- tion	Estima	ted Run- Acr	Off e Ft.	per Sq.	Mi.	Total Area	Total	Estimat	ed Seas Acre Ft	onal Run	-Off
4 m ⁴	for es- timate	Area		Mean	Max.	Min.	yr.Mean	Min. 5- yr.Mean	Mean	Max.	Min.	Max. 5- yr.Mean	yr.Mea	Factor h(Runoff) Mean	Max.	Min.	Max. 5- yr.Mean	Min.5- yr.	Sq.Mi.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Max. 5- yr.Mean	Min. 5. yr.Mean
Lake Hemet	Observe	1 5200		3		а 1 к					3 °						×.	1		66.2	6550	196I0 [']	I820 [']	I0040'	2795
*Strawberry	S. Fork	5200							2		2								х. Х	26.4	6300	I5380	I750	9660	2690
*North Fork		6000							×		c				s. 	5				27.5	9420	24920	2620	I4450	4020
Other above	Straw.	3500	. 938	12.31	I7.69	6.84	I4.60	9.20	120	214	56	I52	84	I.IO	I32	235	6I.5	I67	92.4	20.6	2720	4840	I270	3440	1 900
Sta. (S.J.)							9.20	I20	214	56	I52	84	I.10	132	235	61.5	167	92.4	55.6 ,	7340	13080	3420	9290	5140
North Ridge to Potrero	£1	3500	.938	I2.3I	I7.69	6.84	I4.60	8.13	I03	I69	48	I28	72	•75	77.3	127	36	. 96.8	54	31.4	2425	3985	1130	3035	I695
Potrero Ck.	ti	2800	.828	I0.87	I5.62	6.04	I2.89									17.0					0.0.2	Tato	4.000		
North Ridge								7.26	33	55	I6	42	23	•75	24.8	41.2	12	31.5	17.2	39.8	987	1640	478	1250	685
beyond Pot	S. For	<u>k 2100</u>	.739	9.7I	I3.95	5.3I	II.50	I0.I5	I37	267	65	I78	95	•75	I03	200	48.7	I34	71.3	56.I	5780	11220	2735	7520	4000
Bautista	Straw.	4000	I.03	I3.57	19.52	7.54	16.10	_						T 50	55 5	90	24	69	37.5	38.0	2110	3420	972	2620	T 4 25
Diamond Hil	ls S. Fork	2500	- 788	T0.34	14.86	5.74	T2.26	7.72	37	60	16	46	25	1.00	00.0	00	~					0 1.50	0-2		-1.00
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other Hills above Els.	п	1 800	.705	9.26	I3.3I	5.I5	I0.99													248.5	8870	8870	8870	8870	8870
Agricultura	1	1 550													47 102										-
Below Els. U.S.G.S.	ti	I700	.699	9.16	13.18	5.IO	10.88	6.85	31	50	I5	40	20	I.20	37.2	60	18	48	24 ,	69.6	2590	4I75	I250	3340	I670
Station						~		9.8I					1.			· ·					-			2	
San Jacinto (Base)		I550	I.00	13.12	I8.87	7.29	I5.56	- 										Tot	al	781.7	56360	II6340	27880	77600	36930

Total

* 1895-1922 with 1915-16 + 1916-17 omitted

' indicates actual figures estimated above

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TABLE XI

ESTIMATION OF RUN-OFF OF BASIN FOR 1921-22

	Volume Acre Ft.
Observed discharge Strawberry 15380	р. ¹⁹⁶ Ж
Observed discharge North Fork 24920	
Observed overflow L. H. Dam 10980	
Estimated run-off below dam and	
above U. S. G. S. Station 5130	
	56410
Total water delivery of L.H.W. Co.	
plus I5% losses = diversions 8900	
Less draft on Lake Hemet4050	· .
Net stream diversions	4850
Discharge at U.S.G.S. Station from above	51560
	,
Observed discharge at U.S.G.S. Station	
(San Jacinto)	55500
Estimated run-off between S.J. Station	
and Elsinore Station:	
North Ridge to Potrero I3860	
Potrero Creek Area 4225	
North Ridge beyond Potrero 1740	
Bautista Creek II900	
Diamond Hills 3625	
Other Hills above Els. Station 5515	
Agricultural Area 8870	10710
	49740

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Volume Acre Ft.

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Sum of two above items Less diversions and well draft: Diversions by Fruitvale Mutual Water Go. 6240

> Well draft above Els. Sta. 29200 Add IO% of this to allow for

> > elevation of ground wa-

ter level 2920

Diversions by Temescal Water

C ompany

2500

<u>40860</u> Net flow at Elsinore Station on above basis 64380 Observed discharge at Elsinore Station 65800

The above figures show a fair correspondence between the estimated values of run-off and the records of the U.S.G.S. stations where they can be compared at a common point.

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RUN-OFF REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN LAKE ELSINORE

One requirement of water in the basin outside use for agricultural purposes is for the maintenance of Lake Elsinore at a reasonable elevation. This is necessary because of the riparian law which allows any person on or adjacent to a river to demand a reasonable flow past him even for purely pleasure purposes. This is the case with Lake Elsinore which is situated at the lower end of the basin and catches all the excess water of the San Jacinto River. It has no outlet except when it overflows in flood years, which it will probably not do more than once in a lifetime now that so much water is used for irrigation. The Lake is used for boating and pleasure purposes only. The water which must be allowed to flow into Lake Elsinore to take care of these rights will, however, probably not be any considerable loss to the agricultural interests as a whole, because this flow will insure a reasonable percolation of water to help maintain the ground water level in the agricultural area. If only enough water were to be allowed to flow into the river in low years so that it would all be absorbed, there would not be enough absorbed to prevent excessive lowering of the ground water level.

In order to take care of the rights of the pleasure interests around Lake Elsinore, which are rather powerful,

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it is thought that the allowance of enough water to maintain the Lake at about its present level of about I225 ft. above sea level with a lowering of possibly IO or I5 ft. below this in a dry period is reasonable. Enough water is therefore needed to replenish evaporation losses to this extent. The surface area of the lake at elevation I225 is about 6.6 sq. mi. If evaporation is assumed at 5 ft. depth annually, which is apparently reasonable as the climate is very hot in summer, the average annual inflow into Lake Elsinore required to supply this loss is

 $5 \ge 6.6 \ge 640 = 21100$ acre feet The average annual inflow required during the minimum 5 years to prevent a lowering of more than 10 ft. during the period is

 $(5 - 2) \times 6.6 \times 640 =$ I2700 acre ft.

Although the minimum period would be likely to last more than 5 years, the flow would not be so low and several feet more of lowering of the lake would probably be allowable.

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GROUND WATER SITUATION

In considering the ground water situation the basin can be divided into two major divisions. The upper division is that of all land above Lakeview where there is a sort of dike underground which holds the water near the surface at this point. The lower or Perris area is that below Lakeview and above the hills separating it from the area around Elsinore Lake. The latter really forms a third division, but the ground water problem there is not so acute. Being adjacent to the lake the lowering of the water table to any great extent is not possible. All that is necessary is that there be enough water passed to maintain the Lake in excess of that needed for irrigation. The run-off of the adjacent hills is the only factor which holds the ground water level above the level of the lake, and this cannot be affected by inflow into it from above. The facts given below on the ground water level in the upper and Perris areas is representative of that contained in U.S.G.S. Water Supply Paper 429 and in the report mentioned above made by the Division of Water Rights of the State Dept. of Public Works.

The recession in the water table in the Perris area has been serious and practically continuous from 1905 to 1922. The average drop in this section from 1905 to 1916 was around 20 ft. in most places, reaching a maximum of 30 and over. Since 1916 the drop has been even greater

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reaching as much as 40 ft. This has been due to greatly increased development in recent years.

In the upper area there has on the whole been comparatively little change. There was only a slight drop in the water table from 1905 to 1915, but since that time there has been appreciable drop even here because of the dry period.

As the years prior to I9I5 were about normal in runoff, it is seen from the above that with the development existing in that year the ground water level would be fairly well maintained in normal years.in the Upper area. In dry spells excessive lowering occur. Since I9I6 the area under irrigation has been materially increased, possibly by 5000 acres or more. As an offset to this increased use, however, the Fruitvale Mutual Water Co. has adopted the practice of spreading which more than compensates for its own increased use.

In I92I and I922, from January to June about II00 to 2400 miners inches on the average were diverted for spreading. As the spreading in other months is negligible because of insufficient water, this represents an average diversion for the six months of I750 miners inches. Some of this, however, flowed back into the river without beabsorbed, so that about I500 miners inches is thought to

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be a reasonable value for the amount absorbed. This means a total absorption due to spreading in each of the above years of about 9000 acre ft. The year I92I was one of fairlow run-off while I922 was one of excessive run-off. Therefore if the water is available, it is reasonable to suppose that its flow will be so distributed as to enable this amount to be absorbed by the spreading operations now carried on.

This spreading has undoubtedly taken care of much of the increased use of water in the basin since I9I6, with the result that there has been little serious drop in the water table in the upper basin even during the period of drought. The drop in level in the Perris area could probably be stopped by increased spreading operations if this were found feasible, as there is additional area available for spreading. With such increased spreading it would be possible to insure the percolation of enough water if available to keep the ground water level at a reasonable point with at least the present use and possibly with an increased.use.

The next point to consider, therefore, is how much water must be available to replenish the ground water level. The amount needed to maintain the ground water level on the average is the amount of draft. This is taken as

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the draft in I922 (from the data of the Division of Water Rights). This represents the most recent use, but there was undoubtedly some waste in that year because of an abundant supply due to excessive run-off.

The question now arises as to how much water is needed to keep the ground water within reasonable limits during droughts. Some drop is of course allowable, probably from IO to 20 feet. In order to determine approximately what per cent of the average requirement should be assumed for periods of drought, the records of fluctuation in ground water level for I922 are used. The rise in the ground water level thrucut the Upper area from Nov. I921 to the high point of I922 (about May) was 5 to 6 feet on the averagé. This is about the point where appreciable draft commences, so that this rise may represent the total flow during the period, which may be in the Neighborhood of one-half the total for the season, as the water table rises but slowly. The average drop from this month to the end of the season (Nov. 1922) was about 3 ft. The latter one-half of the ground flow was therefore sufficient to supply only about two-thirds of the

draft. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the season's flow of ground water was therefore consumed in draft, about $\frac{1}{4}$ raising the water table from 2 to 3 ft. from Nov. 1921 to Nov. 1922. A

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continuance of an excess draft of the above amount of one-third the present requirement for a period of 5 years, say thru the minimum 5-year period of run-off, would cause a total lowering during the period of from IO to I5 feet. This is probably reasonable, but would be likely to be exceeded as the minimum period would probably last longer than 5 years. The flow in these other years, however, would not be so low and a more careful use of water might be expected than in the flood year of I92I-22. Therefore twothirds of the present use of ground water is taken as that which must be available even during the minimum 5-year period.

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TABLE XII

SUMMARY OF WATER REQUIREMENTS AND POSSIBLE USE

A summary of the present use of water and the requirements to maintain the ground water level, Lake Elsinore, and the present surface use is given below, including the estimated available supply.

Quantity in Acre Ft.

Present Use

L. H. W. Co. diversions	9060
Fruitvale Mutual surface diversions	4930
Temescal Water Co. diversions	1250
Total surface use	15,240
Friutvale Ço. well draft	1210
Temescal Co. well draft (Div. of Water Rig	ht91250
Other well draft (Div. of Water Rights)	30,540
Total well draft	33,000

Run-off Required to Maintain this Use

Quantity in Acre Ft.

	Average	Min. 5-year Mean
Maintenance of Lake Elsinore	21100	I2700
Maintenance of Water Table	33000	22000
Surface Diversions	15240	12190
Total Requirement	69300	46900
Present Estimated Run-off	56360	36930

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The water required to provide for surface diversions accompanied by storage, as they are in the case of the Lake Hemet Water Co., as shown above for the minimum 5year period was taken as 80 % of the average requirement, since some would be held over from periods of greater run-off. These requirements for surface use were not increased for probable evaporation from the reservoir surface, but this loss would not be very large in comparison with the total requirements of the basin.

The above table indicates that there would be a deficit in the supply on the average of nearly I5000 acre ft. per year and for the minimum 5- year period of about I0000 acre ft. per year. This is assuming the use of the year I922 to continue. This is probably desirable so far as the surface supply is concerned because the orchards irrigated from this have been under rather than over irrigated, because of the limited supply and high cost of extra water under the Lake Hemet system. Ground water use could probably be safely cut down below that for this year, in which there was an abundance due to rise in the water table.

In addition, the estimates of run-off are necessarily uncertain. Therefore there may be an actual surplus, although not a large one. The studies following are made on the possibility that there may be shown to be water still available for use if properly controlled.

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DUTY OF WATER FOR THE BASIN

The average duty of water applied to the land for the past few years on the Lake Hemet system has been about I.I5 acre ft. per acre per year as shown by the company's records of deliveries and the area irrigated by the system. In addition to this some of the lands under system are supplied with additional water, making the total average about I.30 acre ft. per acre.

Records of deliveries by the Fruitvale Mutual Water Co. for the years 1921-1923 show an average net duty of about 2.00 acre ft. per acre per year.

In order to judge whether or not thse values are reasonable or should be changed if possible, a comparison with the use in other places is desirable. In Riverside, which has an almost identical climate, the use for citrus has been around 2.25 acre ft. per acre, while in cooler portions of the Citrus Belt it drops as low as I.5 acre ft. per acre and less.

The desirable duty of water for ordinary orchards as shown by experiments in similar climates such as at Davis and on irrigation projects in Idaho is about I.5 acre ft. per acre. For citrus it runs around 2.0 acre ft. per acre and for deciduous trees about I.0 acre ft. per acre. Although much of the land under the two major irrigation systems of the basin, Lake Hemet and

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Fruitvale, is in deciduous trees, many of these are walnuts which have been demonstrated to require possibly as much water as citrus.

Inasmuch as the experience of the past few years has shown the desirability of a greater use than is at present practiced on the Lake Hemet system, the figure of I.5 acre ft. per acre is considered reasonable.

The use under would be expected to somewhat greater as about one-half the acreage is planted to alfalfa and field crops which require more than an area composed almost entirely of orchards as is the Lake Hemet Service Area. The past use of about 2.0 acre ft. per acre is therefore not excessive, but sufficient.

Of the I.5 acre ft. per acre desirable use under the Lake Hemet system supplementary wells may be expected to supply as in recent years about .25 acre ft. This leaves an average of I.25 acre ft. per acre to be supplied by the company. In determining the value of any development, however, only the amount actually supplied by the system is considered. The full duty must therefore be taken. The net duty assumed above is increased I5 % to allow for losses in transmission, making a gross duty of I.72 acre ft. per acre.

The distribution of this thruout the year as assumed for convenience to correspond to percentage of average use on Lake Hemet and Fruitvale systems is shown in Table XIII.

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TABLE XIII

Month	Average on L. H. System	Average on Fruitvale Sys	Assumed.
April	I0.0	I2.8	I0.0
May	17.2	I4.9	I5.0
June	I6,5	I6.5	I5.0
July	I4.0	I5.4	I5.0
August	I4.9	I5.6	I5.0
Sept.	13.4	I3.7	I5.0
Oct.	9.5	8.3	II.7
Nov.	4.6	2.6	3.3 (ending Nov. 15)

MONTHLY DUTY OF WATER IN PERCENTAGE

Any requirements in other months are slight and will be assumed to be supplied by the natural stream flow.

OF Flow

HYDROGRAPHS AND MASS CURVES FOR STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

There is already the Lake Hemet reservoir in the San Jacinto Mountains for the purpose of storing a portion of the run-off of South Fork. It was desired, however, to ascertain the possibility of increasing the supply by catching more of the run-off of that stream and also by diverting water from Strawberry Creek, which has no suitable reservoir site, to Lake Hemet.

Accordingly hydrographs of the flow of Strawberry Creek were constructed by plotting the mean rate of flow for each month at the middle of that month. All other hydrographs were constructed in the same manner.

As a large portion of the Strawberry drainage area is below any possible diversion point, the elevation of which must be at least 5000ft., it was necessary to determine what portion of the discharge of the stream abmight be expected at the diversion point. There were two diversion points close together considered. The area tributary to each as well as that of the entire Strawberry area, and the average elevation of each are given below.

ł.	Tributar	ry Area	Avei	cage Eler	r •
	Entire Strawberry	26.4	52	200	
	Above Lower Div. Pt.	II. 9	65	500	
	Above Upper Div. Pt.	10.2	63	500	
	The lower diversion pot	int was	selected	because	of

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greater tributary area and because the line from the upper point would either have to be longer or go thru a ridge at the start with a tunnel probably 3/8 mile long.

The portion of the precipitation of the whole Strawberry Area probably occurring above this point was found by taking the precipitation factors at both average elevations from the precipitation elevation curve. The equivalent area tributary to the diversion point which would give the same volume of precipitation taking the depth of precipitation on the whole area was then equal to the actual area multiplied by the ratio of precipitation factors for the diversion area to that of the whóle. (II.9 x I.83/I.2 = I8.I sq.mi.) Therefore about two-thirds (I8.I/26.4 = .69) of the volume of precipitation on the whole area occurs above the proposed diversion point. Conditions of run-off are not very different in the two cases, as the steepness and barrenness of the extreme upper portions is offset by uniformly less covering on the portion below the diversion point. Therefore it is considered safe to assume two-thirds the run-off of the Strawberry Area as available at the diversion point.

Although this run-off will not be distributed thruout the year the same as that of the whole area, it is considered sufficiently so to plot two-thirds the flow

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of Strawberry as the hydrograph of flow available for diversion. This hydrograph indicated the reasonableness of a diversion capacity of 500 miners inches or IO sec. ft. The line representing the maximum diversion above was drawn on the hydrograph, all flow below it being divertible, and all flow above not divertible.

Hydrographs of North Fork, North Fork plus Strawberry (representing available natural stream flow without the diversion), and North Fork plus undivertable flow of Strawberry (representing available stream flow naturally with the diversionO were plotted in the same manner as above. For years of incomplete record the estimated flow from that of South Fork was used as obtained in'the early part of this study. No attempt was made to estimate flow for I9I6 as satisfactory records are absent.

Two mass curves of flow were then plotted, one for the flow of South Fork alone and the other for the flow of South Fork plus the Divertable flow of Strawberry taken each month from the hydrograph and added to the first. The year I9I6 is omitted because of unsatisfactory records. I9I7 is plotted on from the end of I9I5. This is reasonable as the stage of any reservoir at the end of I9I7 would be substantially the same as that at the end of I9I6 because of excess run-off and overflow in both years.

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REQUIRED RESERVOIR CAPACITIES

On the mass curves of flow trial demand lines for uniform flow were. Two were drawn on each curve, one of maximum possible slope, allowing spill only in I9I6 (omitted) and the last year of I922, and one of less slope. As the Hemet Dam was originally designed for a height of I50 ft. and built up to full width as high as IIO ft., it would undoubtedly be desirable to take the line of greater slope in each case because the additional cost of constructing an additional narrow top strip would not be great. Until recently the height of the dam has been I22 ft., but last fall it was raised to I38 ft.

From the trial mass curves and uniform flow lines the reservoir capacities required were easily obtainable as the maximum intervals. As the water has to be stored each season until practically all the seasonal flow has occurred, the natural stream flow taking care of the demand it drops excessively in the o ther two streams as well as this, the reservoir capacities necessary to do this were taken as approximately the interval between the point where the trial flow line crossed the end of the preceding season, about Nov. I5, to the maximum of the year in question.

These capacities and the heights of dam required to give them are shown in the following table as well as the regulated flow available under each.

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TABLE XIV

RESERVOIR CAPACITIES AND REGULATED FLOWS

	Lower	Demand	Line	Highe	er De.
				mand	Line

South Fork alone

Res. Cap. Uniform Flow	165000 M.I.D.	330000 M.I.D.
Res. Cap. Irriga- tion Demand	220000	420000
Ht. for Latter	II7.5 ft.	I36 ft.
Surface Area	308 A .	556 A.
Annual Evap.(3' on $\frac{3}{4}$ surface area)	17500 M.I.D.	3I500 M.I.D.
Gross Reg. Flow	I38000 M.I.D.	173000 M.I.D.
Net Fļow	120000	<u>142000</u>

South Fork plus Strawberry Diversion

Res. Cap. Uniform Flow Res. Cap. Irriga- tion Demand	252000 M.I.D. 350000	410000 M.I.D. 525000
Ht. for Latter	I3I ft.	I43 ft.
Surface Area	500 A.	630 A.
Annual Evap.	28400 M.I.D.	35800 M.I.D.
Gross Reg. Flow	208000	242000
Net Flow	I 80000	206000

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IRRIGATION DEMAND

The possible irrigation use with the larger reservoir in each case above is of course greater than that shown because of the use of the natural stream flow of North Fork and Strawberry. The probable amount of this use was found by increasing the average use above as a guessand taking I5 % of this as that required in each, which is about true for most months. By studying the hydrographs to see for how many months this use would be supplied by the natural stream flow, the additional amount available from this source was arrived at more or less roughly. The original regulated flow was then increased by this amount and distributed monthly as shown before. In using the hydrographs the available flow without the diversion is of course that shown on the hydrograph of North Fork plus Strawberry total, while that with the diversion is shown on the hydrograph of North Fork plus undivertable flow of Strawberry.

The demands assumed above for trial and the corresponding irrigated areas, taking a duty of I.5 acre ft. per acre net or I.72 gross, are shown for the two possibilities in the table below.

In constructing the mass curves of demand on this basis the available natural flow shown on the proper hydrograph was subtracted each month up to irrigation requirement for that month, and the cumulation made.

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TABLE XV

ASSUMED MONTHLY IRRIGATION DEMAND

Month	South For	rk alone	S. Fork 1	olus Stra	aw.
	5260 A	cres	6920	Acres	
	Acre Ft.	M.I.D.	Acre Ft.	M.I.D.	•
April	905	22800	II 90	30000	
May	I 360	34250	I790	45000	
June	I 360	34250	I790	45000	
July	I360	34250	I790	45000	
August	I360	34250	I790	45000	. *
Sept.	I360	34250	17 90	45000	
Oct.	I050	26500	I390	35000	
Nov. (before Nov. 15)	300	7550	395	10000	
m et el	0045	227500	TTOZO	300000	
Evap. (3' dept.	9045 h	3 I 500	11200	35800	
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With the mass curves of demand drawn, starting with reservoir stage in each as estimated from the estimation of inflow into Lake Hemet preceding the period of this investigation made by the Division of Water Rights, they were found to utilize the possibilities of the flow very satisfactorily. With the control of South Fork alone by the reservoir chosen there is no shortage, but an excess in the lowest point of nearly 50000 M.I.D. The capacity of the reservoir for comparative purposes should be reduced about 50000 M.I.D. The slight shortages then resulting under both developments are shown below;

South Fork alone	Resea	rvoir Capacity	37(0000 M.I D.	•
Shortage in	1921	10000 M.I.D.	or	4.5%	
7 II II	1919	5000		2.3%	
South Fork plus S	Straw.	Res. Capacity	52	5000 M.I.D.	•
Shortage in	1921	30000 M.I.D.	or	I0%	

It is not thought desirable to allow further shortages as the period from I895 to I905 shows greater drought than period which has followed I916.

The present reservoir height is slightly more than sufficient to maintain the above control of South Fork alone so that further raising of the height of the dam for that purpose alone would not be justifiable.

The increased acreage which could be irrigated by making the proposed Strawberry diversion is shown above

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as I660 acres, assuming a use of I.5 acre ft. per acre per year. The increased value of good orchard land add resulting from this would be IOO to I5O dollars per acre as a conservative figure, the value not being as great as land in a climate more conducive to citrus culture. Taking the lower figure above the increased value of land would total at least\$166,600. As the water supplied by this plan is not. sufficient to supply the present acreage with I.5 acre ft. per acre without the use of auxiliary wells to just about the present amount, it would be inadvisable to encourage further land development. The present area irrrigated under the system is about 7800 acres, of which supply enough to care for about I000 acres. The increased supply could be used to advantage and would undoubtedly be just as valuable if applied to the present lands, many of which have been under-irrigated with resulting under size of fruits.

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DIVERSION PIPE LINE

Elevation at upper end 5050 ft. Length of line as draen on map 6.I mi. Capacity required IO sec. ft.- 500 m.i. Diameter pipe 24 in.

Concrete pipe used

The available drop in order that the line may be carried thru a ridge at its lower end without excessive tunneling is only about 50 ft, making a slope of about .0017

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Therefore c = II6

 $V = II6 \sqrt{.5 \times .0017} = 3.38$ ft./sec. Q = 3.38 x = I0.6 sec. ft. or 530 miners inches

Total drop $.0017 \ge 5280 \ge 6.1 = 54.8$ ft. Elevation outlet 4995 ft.

The above line is considered satisfactory. Time was lacking to make a detailed study or design.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

(I) The water available as estimated in the first part of the report appears to be hardly sufficient to supply the present irrigated area in the basin, about 23000 acres for all purposes, with sufficient water to replenish the ground water table, Lake Elsinore, and supply the present surface diversion and storage requirements. The estimated average annual run-off of the basin is only 60000 acre ft.

(2) The percolation of such water as is available seems to be assured.

(3) If additional water is shown to be available, there are facilities for storing it, either in the ground or by the diversion of Strawberry Creek to Lake Hemet.

(4) Probably the spreading byt the Fruitvale Mutual Water Co. could be doubled as there is more land available for spreading and more care can be taken in its control.

(5) The diversion from Strawberry to Lake Hemet would justify an expenditure of at\$160000 for pipe line and raising of the dam.

(6) There appears to little use attempting to raise or possibly even maintain the ground water level in the Perris Area by spreading, as a large amount of water would be required for this.

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CURVES SHOWING RELATION of Seasonal Run-off per, Sq. Mi. to Seasonal Rainfall on San Jacinto Basin

North Fork O' Strawberry O" South Fork O"

