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PRELIMINARY WATER AGREEMENT
OF FEBRUARY 21, 1930

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Whereas the undersigned, Colorado River Commissioners of California, representatives of the Governor of California, representatives of the Metropolitan Water District, the Coachella Valley County Water District, the Imperial Irrigation District, the Palo Verde Irrigation District, and the Boulder Dam Association have reached an understanding for the division of Colorado River water which will be available to California upon the following basis:

Class A water: Agricultural groups, 3,850,000 acre-feet per annum; Metropolitan District, 550,000 acre-feet per annum; total, 4,400,000 acre-feet per annum.

Next 550,000 acre-feet per annum, available for California use: Metropolitan District, 550,000 acre-feet per annum.

All water in river available for California use in excess of above 4,950,000 acre-feet per annum: Agricultural group, all.

And have studied in great detail the available water supply from the Colorado River and the water requirements of California from that source, and while we recognize that California has been so limited as to make infeasible otherwise feasible projects, including several hundred thousand acres of land, we do find that if there are no further limitations then upon the construction of the Boulder Dam the supply will be ample for the now going concerns using water from the Colorado and also for the Colorado River Aqueduct to serve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; the Palo Verde Valley lands and the All-American Canal to serve the enlarged development in the Imperial and Coachella valleys; and we further find that the Colorado River Aqueduct and the All-American Canal will constitute extremely important factors in the growth, protection, and prosperity of southern California, and both of these projects ought to be consummated at the earliest possible time.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That we request all those in authority to expedite as much as reasonably possible all steps leading up to the construction of the Boulder Dam, the Colorado River Aqueduct, and the All-American Canal, and we urge upon the people of southern California that they give these three great projects their moral and financial support, to the end that each of them may be an accomplished fact in the very near future.

Dated February 21, 1930.

(Signed)

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