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Excerpted pages of the “Minutes of Meeting,
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**Minutes of Meeting, Bureau of
Reclamation and Advisory Committee,
Burley, Idaho, Dec. 29, 1960**

MINUTES OF MEETING
Bureau of Reclamation and Advisory Committee

Burley, Idaho - December 29, 1960 - 11:00 a.m.

Present:

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation: Harold Nelson, William Burpee, Merrill Martz, Harold Hafterson, Richard Lindgren, H. R. Gray, Glenn Simmons, Howell Gnau.

Committee of Nine: Leonard Graham, C. N. Scoresby, Frank Redfield, Al Peters, and Henry Eagle, Watermaster

R. P. Parry, Lynn Crandall, Earl W. Larsen, Lovell Holyoak, Carroll Wilcomb.

Harold Nelson reviewed the river operation for period October 1 to December 31, 1960. During this period the releases from Palisades have been from 1,000 to 1,200 cfs, which have permitted a water savings of about 120,000 acre-feet at a cost of about \$45,000. This cut the power production as low as 8 megawatts for some days. If such operation is continued thru January, the cost of replacement power will be about \$38,000. Since it appears that there would be about 150,000 acre-feet of vacant space in American Falls Reservoir on April 1, under present operations, it is proposed that Palisades releases be increased to 1,500 cfs for the month of January.

Pat Parry presented two criteria which he believed should determine river operation:

1. Have water at the beginning of the irrigation season in those reservoirs where the best use can be made of it.
2. Spill no water to waste past Milner.

Mr. Crandall pointed out the following: Since the time when Palisades studies were made conditions have changed. With increased water available the upper valley diversions have been greater and there is now a greater return flow to American Falls Reservoir. This causes a spill at Milner during many years if Palisades power plant is run at the 15 megawatts permitted in Palisades studies. The solution to this problem would be the raising of American Falls dam to allow the storage of another 300,000 acre-feet.

With the present natural flow at Irwin and the plan of operation proposed by Mr. Nelson, American Falls would probably not be quite full on April 1 and there would be about 200,000 acre-feet of storage to credit to preferred space in Palisades reservoir.

Mr. Parry stated that there should be 235,000 acre-feet of preferred space in Palisades to fill the 135,000 acre-feet rights of upper valley canals and 100,000 acre-feet which is estimated savings of North Side Canal Co.

Pat Parry moved that releases at Palisades be increased to 1,500 cfs for the month of January with the following conditions be met:

1. The commitment of the Bureau of Reclamation to have 235,000 acre-feet of preferred space in Palisades Reservoir be realized.

2. A review of conditions be made near end of January and any needed revisions in operations for February and March be adopted.

Mr. Nelson agreed that the 235,000 acre-feet of space would be available.

The above motion was adopted by common consent.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.