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MEMORANDUM BR94-14

TO: The Operations Committee

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SUBJECT: WATER EMERGENCIES IN THE CURRENT WATER YEAR

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Yesterday I received a call from Pete Peterson indicating that the waters available in Idaho in the Central Division are far below the amount desired for irrigation. Pete asked if the river flows were such that a water emergency should be declared. Information from the automated gage at Border indicates that the flows there are now in the neighborhood of 280 cfs. As you may remember, a water emergency can be declared if the flows at Border are less than 350 cfs. Hence, today I am declaring a water emergency in the Central Division.

I have asked the watermasters in the Central and Upper Divisions to begin reporting flows to me on a regular basis so that I can allocate the waters in the Central Division between Utah and Idaho; and further, so that I can determine if the flows in the Upper Division are such that a state of emergency should also be declared there.

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