

## Water Problems Studied During Interim Period

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Although an over-all state water program is still to be decided upon, preliminary work on the Feather River Project has not been at a standstill.

While a special committee of the Legislature has been working steadily since last June to iron out differences between northern and southern viewpoints, the reservoir site is being made ready for the eventual construction of the dam itself.

This preparatory work has been made possible through the emergency appropriation of \$25,190,000 by the 1957 Legislature, which agreed on this amount even though no agreement could be reached on the larger issue of the complete water program.

**Preliminary Steps**  
The money appropriated was specifically intended, among other things, to finance the work of relocating the Feather River Hwy. and the adjacent railroad around the area of the proposed reservoir site. All this, as I say, is preliminary to the larger project of constructing the dam.

On the question of actual construction, many water groups are still divided as to which structure should be built first, even within the Feather River area itself. Even greater division exists when consideration is given to additional outside projects comprising potential portions of the total state plan.

**Surveys Needed**  
In this latter field I have been able to obtain general agreement among all agencies in the state—as their interests will be represented by members of the Legislature in the coming budget session—that the state should forthwith allow adequate financing to complete engineering surveys for a supply or north coast water in addition to the Feather River supply.

**New Sources**  
The Eel River is an example of a great new source of water which may be utilized within the state plan of development. This river flows into the ocean just below the city of Eureka, considerably to the north and west of the reservoir site on the Feather River, the latter being in the north central part of the state.

As to its eventual utilization in a state water program, the method and timing have not, of course, been settled as yet, but increasing attention is being given to the Eel River as a fruitful new potential.

**Meeting Needs**  
In the meantime, it has been my objective to make possible the engineering surveys which at this point are obviously necessary as a basis for decisions which must now be reached concurrently with all our other considerations of ways and means of assuring water supplies adequate to meet the needs of every area of water deficiency in the state.

Although a special water session, concurrent with the budget session, was originally projected as depending upon an agreement by the 18-member committee on water resources development, it now appears that the governor may call such a session whether or not the committee agrees on a definite program in advance of the session date.

## Hutchison in New Realty Office Here

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He has been active in the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors during the past year and one-half, and has been associated with another realty firm here.

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