

County May Reclaim Its Water Soon

Twenty-five per cent of the water needed for the Los Angeles County metropolitan area can be obtained by reclaiming waste sewage water that is now being dumped into the ocean at the rate of nearly 600,000,000 gallons a day, according to an interim report on waste water reclamation submitted to the Board of Supervisors at the request of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn by Sanitation Engineer John D. Parkhurst and Flood Control Engineer M. E. Salsbury.

The interim report substantiated Supervisor Hahn's estimate of last September that it would be economically feasible and practical to salvage at least 300,000,000 gallons or about one-half of the total volume of water that is dumped into the sea through Hyperion and through White Point off San Pedro.

A FINAL report on the reclamation of waste sewage water, due next summer, is expected to:

- Recommend potential locations for additional water reclamation plants.
- To determine the steps for making such facilities a reality.
- Propose a method of financing construction of the reclamation plants.
- Determine potential consumers for the reclaimed water and establish the conditions for sale of the water.

SUPERVISOR HAHN pointed out that the sanitation district is now building a water reclamation plant at Whittier Narrows which is scheduled to be placed in operation next July and which will salvage 10,000,000 gallons of water each day. "We know that it can be done, so we must move forward with saving and conserving our water supplies. It is a crime to waste this valuable water which could be reclaimed and used to meet our growing water shortages," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He pointed out reclamation plants to salvage 300,000,000 gallons of water a day could be built and placed in operation within five years at a maximum cost of \$60,000,000 and that the sale of the reclaimed water would eventually pay for the cost of the plants and their operations.

Local Firm Figures in Gas Gains

When gas lighting was being extinguished back in the late '30s, some people thought the gas industry would be snuffed out along with the street lamps.

This dark view of the industry's future not only failed to materialize, says J. F. Ray, vice president of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn., but there are now 3,000,000 investors in gas, more than 110,000,000 gas appliances are in daily use — and gas lights are selling at a faster clip than at any time during the so-called Gas Light Era.

What's more, says Ray, who also vice president of General Controls Co., Glendale, Hayes Furnace Manufacturing and Supply Co., of Torrance, a GAMA member, contributes substantially to the gas industry success story.

The utility serving the area's residential, commercial and industrial gas customers is Southern California Gas Co.

The GAMA official reports that gas now outsells all fuels for househeating, leads the field in cooking, outnumbering its nearest competitor four to one in water heating, and is closing the gap in home laundry equipment.

By 1970, Ray predicts, more than 44,300,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers will be served by gas, and today's 632,000-mile gas pipeline network will grow to 925,000 miles.

To prove further that the gloom-and-doomers of the late '30s were wrong, he adds, it is noteworthy that many cities now are going back to gas street lighting because it's efficient, picturesque, and economical.

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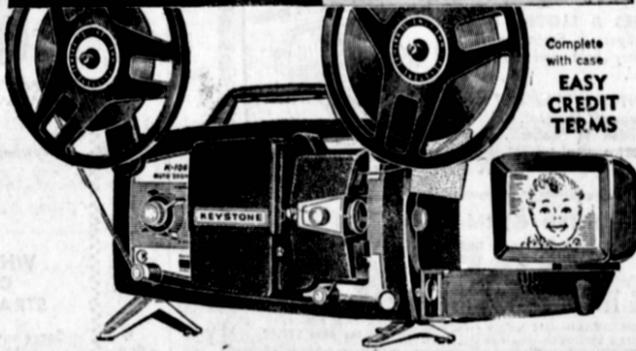
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