

Imperial Dam, At Parker, Goes In Service This Morning, Said

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The permanent closing of diversion tunnel number two of the Parker dam, California, project has resulted in bringing the new Imperial dam, near Yuma, into use for the first time since construction of that project began, it was learned at Boulder City today.

Diversion tunnel number two of the Parker project will be plugged tomorrow, June 28. In the meantime, sufficient water to satisfy needs in the Imperial district during the 48-hour period in which Parker will store water is being released from Boulder lake, it was stated today.

The river bed between Parker dam and Imperial dam will be dry during the 48 hours, after which water will again be bypassed at Parker, it was stated. An excess, over and above normal release for irrigation, of 4,700 cubic second feet has been released from Boulder lake since June 23. This excess will be stored at Imperial dam and released from there to water users while Parker dam is filling. The reservoir at Parker will be filled up to the spillways during that time, it was stated. Once the Parker reservoir is filled, normal operations will be resumed, it was stated by bureau of reclamation officials at Boulder City this

morning.

As the present time, water in the amount of 15,000 cubic second feet is being released from Boulder lake. The normal figure, of 10,300 cubic second feet, will be resumed following the fill-

ing. An order of increase of release at Boulder dam from 9,800 cubic second feet to 10,300 cubic second feet was received in the dam community on Thursday of last week.

Last reports from the Bright Angel checking station, received here on Friday, June 24, showed the Colorado river to be flowing at the rate of 51,300 cubic second feet, or 2,800 cubic second feet more than that recorded on the previous day.