

SPANS TO ELY PIOCHE, TONOPAH UNDER PWA PLAN IS CONSIDERED

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Would be Part of Program
For Nevada Under Plan
By Malone

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Would Take the Workmen
Let Off When Boulder
Dam Finished

Construction of electric power lines from Boulder dam to Pioche, Ely and Tonopah for development of mining, irrigation and underground water, is advocated as part of an \$8,125,000 public works program for the state of Nevada, sponsored by State Engineer George W. Malone as a means of absorbing unemployment caused in this state by completion of the Boulder dam project next year.

"Nevada is facing an abnormal labor situation, since in addition to the normal unemployment, there will very soon be a large number of men thrown out of work due to completion of the dam," Malone says.

The state engineer's full statement follows:

"QUOTING MR. LEONARD Blood, a representative of the United States department of labor representing the state the Nevada, there are approximately 4500 men now employed in the construction of the Boulder dam project; between now and June of 1935 at least 3500 of these men will be thrown back on the labor market due to the completion of the particular work on which they are engaged.

"These men are from every state in the union, but have for the most part established a residence in Nevada due to continuous employment in that state. These men, under the rules of federal employment, cannot go back to their native state and obtain jobs, therefore it is necessary to furnish them some kind of employment, as the Boulder dam work is being completed.

"The program herein proposed will go far to meet the emergency unemployment situation, and is in line with the established policy of the administration on economic planning, and in rounding out the areas on a self supporting basis, and in promoting the decentralization of industry.

"THE PROJECTS herein proposed can be set up on a self liquidating basis, and as they would be presented in detail could be paid for by the areas benefitted.

"Where storage is contemplated, it is directed towards flood control and the stabilization of the water supply on lands already under cultivation, and where pumping un-

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derground water is proposed thru the cheap Boulder dam power, it is located in great desert areas where additional products are necessary to supply the mining and livestock areas.

"The program herein outlined calls for an estimated expenditure of \$8,125,000 on self liquidating projects that will provide flood control, assist in stabilizing the water supply and make the areas affected more nearly self supporting.

TRUCKEE RIVER — upstream storage—already set aside, \$1,500,000.

Humboldt River — Humboldt river storage—already set aside, \$2,000,000. Contract has been let and work expected to start within 30 days.

Walker River — Walker river district, refinancing, by taking over the bonds at 65 cents, approximately \$800,000. This money has been set aside and the details of taking over the bonds are now being worked out.

Carson River—Carson river, upstream, storage, subject to water rights as established by the federal court, cost including other necessary improvements, \$400,000.

Lahontan Project — Drainage, canals, and other improvements, estimated cost, \$500,000.

MUDDY RIVER—Muddy river reservoir for storage and flood

col, estimated cost \$100,000.

Little Humboldt River — up-
stream storage and channel im-
provement, estimated cost,
\$50,000

Washoe Valley — storage and
improvement, estimated cost,
\$150,000.

Power Line, Boulder Dam to Pi-
oche — Power transmission line
from Boulder dam to Pioche, min-
ing and irrigation, underground
water, \$1,000,000.

Power Line, Pioche to Ely—
Power transmission line from Pi-
oche to Ely, mining and irrigation,
underground water, \$775,000.

**POWER LINE, Boulder Dam to
Tonopah**—Power transmission line
from Boulder dam to Beatty, Gold-
field and Tonopah for mining and
irrigation, underground water, \$1,-
500,000.

Total cost of proposed projects,
\$9,125,000.

It is understood that the above
estimates are tentative and that
detailed estimates will be submitted.

Note—The National Reclamation
Association officially represents 13
western states, namely: Arizona,
California, Colorado, Idaho, Mon-
tana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mex-
ico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah,
Washington, Wyoming.