

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITIES IN DAM POWER BID

Eldorado-Searchlight Mining District and Virgin Valley Organizing

Two Clark county communities moved last night to avail themselves of Boulder dam power as soon as it is ready for distribution—one to develop a vast mining district and the other for domestic use.

Representatives of the Eldorado and Searchlight mining districts and citizens of the two communities gathered at Nelson to take the necessary steps toward formation of a power district under the enabling act passed at the last session of the state legislature, and decided to proceed as school districts, as provided in the statute.

NELSON SCHOOL trustees organized their district last night, and the officials of the Searchlight district were expected to do likewise today. The public service commission will then be requested to proceed with consolidation of the two districts and when this is done, steps will be taken to secure the federal funds necessary to build the transmission line.

Whether the project will be financed by PWA or be carried out under the rural electrification authority recently created, remains to be seen, and will depend entirely on the advice of federal officials, it was indicated.

Claude Mackey, relief administrator for southern Nevada, expressed the belief that the project might be financed under FERA, and stated he expected a ruling on this phase of the situation within a short time.

WHILE THE ELDORADO canyon group was laying its plans, citizens of the Virgin valley met at
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Mesquite to discuss the possibility of constructing a power line from the dam under the rural electrification set-up, to bring cheap electrical energy to Bunkerville and Mesquite for domestic use.

"This is exactly the type of project contemplated under the rural electrification authority, and we feel certain this aim will be realized," J. Lewis Pulsipher, leader in the movement, said here yesterday afternoon.

It is expected this line will be

constructed in conjunction with one from the dam thru the Moapa valley, and in reality be an extension of the latter, the proponents of the plan stated. No action has been taken by the Moapa valley residents, however, to start their project.

The Mesquite-Bunkerville group also discussed the proposed domestic water system project which they are also desirous of including in the PWA program for this area. This program calls for piping water from three springs in the Virgin mountains for a domestic supply. As a PWA project, this would cost approximately \$30,000.