

County Supervisors Serve Demand On State Treasurer For Share of Boulder Money

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Demand Payments Be Prorated On Tax Rate Basis

Late last week the federal government paid into the state treasury the sum of \$300,000, the first payment to the state under the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act whereby this sum is to be paid to the state each year for a period of fifty years commencing with the year 1937.

Because of the intention of the yearly payments to be made in lieu of taxes that would accrue upon the Boulder dam improvements had they been made by private capital, Mohave county has contended at all times that it was entitled to its proportion of these payments in the same ratio and in the same manner as other tax monies paid.

The county board of supervisors by legal counsel and the approbation of representative taxpayers of the county have taken every step necessary to protect the amounts due the county and obtain them for the use of the county. Following the instructions of legal advice today the county board of supervisors wrote the following letter making demand upon the state treasury for \$212,688.90, its proportion of the payment made in lieu of taxes for the year 1937, when the state rate was approximately 35 cents per hundred dollar valuation and the county rate \$1.72.

Following annual payments will be pro-rated according to the tax rates for the period for which the payment is made and will therefore differ greatly during the years as the rates vary. In the years following 1937 when state rates increased the state's portion would likewise increase and in the present year, the payment when made,

will be more than half due the state.

The letter which the board of supervisors have today mailed to the state treasury reads as follows: Mr. Joe Hunt, State Treasurer, Capitol Building, Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Sir:

You have received from the federal government moneys in the amount of \$300,000 as and for the first annual payment due June 1, 1937, under the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (45 U. S. C. A., Chap. 12a, Subchap. II). This amount was so received and paid in lieu of ad valorem tax on the Boulder Canyon Project situate in Mohave county, Arizona, for the taxable year 1937. Based upon the ad valorem tax rates of Mohave county in the State of Arizona for said taxable year, Mohave county, under section 10-204, Arizona Code Annotated, 1939, is entitled to a credit in the general fund of the state in the amount of \$212,688.90.

Mohave county, Arizona, hereby demands that pursuant to section 10-204, Arizona Code Annotated, 1939, you shall credit to the account of Mohave county in the general fund of the State of Arizona the sum of \$212,688.90 from the \$300,000 so received by you from the federal government.

Yours very truly,

MOHAVE COUNTY

By its Board of Supervisors,
consisting of:

(Signed)

W. D. Lawe, chairman

George F. Moser,

Member

William Mackie,

Member

Carl D. Hammond,

Its Attorney

A. M. Cook,

Its Treasurer and

Ex-Officio Tax

Collector