

The proposal emanating from a group of San Diego county citizens that the route of the Colorado river aqueduct be changed to use the proposed All-American canal across the Imperial Valley, dig a tunnel through the mountains to Mission Gorge and bring the water up the coast to the Metropolitan Water District, is rather belated. This route is known as the Laguna-Salada route, it is claimed would save the district \$100,000,000. In a letter to the group the directors of the Metropolitan Water District discussed the several southern routes for the aqueduct which had been suggested, set forth various objections to them, and expressed the opinion that further investigations of such routes either by the district engineers or by the state engineer, would be of no value. The international or Laguna-Salada route, the letter said, could not be used because the Mexican government has denied the application for a permit for such use; also because engineering features of a physical nature make construction impossible. As to other routes, it was stated that the directors of the Imperial Irrigation District "are absolutely opposed to the schemes proposing joint use of the All-American Canal by the Metropolitan Water District."