

MINUTES OF THE4TH MEETINGCOLORADO RIVER COMMISSION.

The 4th meeting of the Colorado River Commission was held at the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., Saturday morning, January 28th, at 10 A.M. There were present:

Herbert Hoover	Representing the U.S.	Chairman
R. E. Caldwell	"	Utah
Delph E. Carpenter	"	Colorado
Stephen B. Davis	"	New Mexico
Frank C. Emerson	"	Wyoming
W. F. McClure	"	California
W. S. Norviel	"	Arizona
James G. Scrugham	"	Nevada
Clarence C. Stetson.		Acting Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10 A.M.

There was a general discussion.

Mr. W. F. McClure read the following telegram from W. B.

Mathews:

"January 27, 1922.

Los Angeles, Calif., 1050A 27.

W. F. McClure,
Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C.

Total hydro-electric power resources of Los Angeles along its aqueduct and on natural streams in Owens River watershed tributary to its aqueduct water supply both developed and undeveloped are not more than sufficient to provide power demands within city exclusive of electric railways for three to five years. Only source from which city

can secure adequate power supply for reasonable period of years is Colorado River. Position of city is that of cooperation with Federal Government and interested States and communities for establishment of storage reservoirs in order that damage by flood may be averted and large additional areas of land irrigated and hydro-electric power opportunities created. City's Chief Engineer Mulholland and Chief Electrical Engineer Scattergood and its Consulting Board Durand, Ryan and Ensign are of strong conviction after careful study based on data heretofore acquired by Reclamation Service Geological Survey and other agencies and inspection in field that a major project at Boulder Canyon of more than thirty million acre feet as recommended by Director Davis is proper integral part of ultimate complete plan of development and that part which should for many economic and operative reasons be first developed.

City of Los Angeles desires to obtain opportunities for development of hydro-electric power on Colorado River, portion of which it may develop in the immediate future, with other portions developed by it from time to time later on. Its total rights being commensurate with the demands for electric power within its boundaries in like proportion as demands of other communities may be provided from the Colorado River Supply. City of Los Angeles has established hydro-electric power generating transmission and distributing system and desires such power opportunities on the Colorado that they may be developed by it as an integral part of its municipal system and believes that Federal Government should hold power opportunities for benefit of and apportion same among various States and communities in proportion to their respective needs, leaving to those communities the manner in which they desire to develop the same or have it developed for their benefit.

Attention of Commission is respectfully directed to the application of the City before the Federal Power Commission, Number 238, for right to develop hydro-electric power at Boulder Canyon site, from which source it seeks to secure needed hydro-electric power in immediate future, preferring that Government should finance and construct dam, and if not Government, then City is willing to undertake same under Government supervision and control so that interests of all communities may be protected. City requests opportunity to be heard before Colorado River Commission.

W. B. MATHEWS."

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commission elected Clarence C. Stetson - Executive Secretary of the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M., the next meeting to be held the same afternoon at 2:30 at the Department of Commerce.

CLARENCE C. STETSON,

Executive Secretary.

The above minutes were approved at the 7th meeting of the Commission, Monday afternoon, January 30th.