***NEWS***

**Need More Water or Less People—Spinarski**

First, the bad news...

The new projected cost of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency system will be $69 million.

Now, the good news...

The system—despite a $30 million increase in cost—can probably be built for about the same tax rate because of lower assessed values in the agency. It is believed that the tax rate could be held to a 20-cents per $100 assessed value maximum.

These high-rising facts were revealed Tuesday night at the AVEK board meeting.

In February, 1971, voters in the agency failed to approve a $49 million bond issue to build the AVEK distribution system.

Tuesday night, Tom Madock of Boyle Engineering, consulting engineer for AVEK, orally presented a preview of an updated engineering report.

The published report will probably be available for distribution at the agency's August meeting.

Only substantial change in the facilities would be to add capacity in the line that will go to Mojave and Boron to serve a lateral feeder to California City.

Timing, Capacity

A number of changes have been made in the timing and allocations of capacity in various turnouts and lines.

Of the $30 million increase in the project cost of the system, only about $2 million relates to changes.

About $16 million of the increase will be caused by inflationary factors.

Madock says that an $8 million increase has occurred in the year and a half since the bond election failed. An additional $10 million in inflationary costs will occur before the system can be built.

Three-Stage Program


In order for such a timetable to be met, an election would have to be passed sometime in the early part of 1973.

AVEK General Manager Wally Spinarski said that about 80 days would be required to advertise for con-

struction bids and bonds. Construction time for the first stage is estimated at 12 years.

The system could be operational by late 1974.

Tuesday night, the directors discussed at length the proposal to solve the Lake Elizabeth Mutual Water Company's emergency needs.

Letter of Agreement

The meeting agenda included a letter of agreement outlining conditions for the water sale.

The letter states that:

"The health, safety, and..." (Continued on Page 2)
s Rate Policy

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going, but there was little they could to save anything. Loss was estima-
ted $5000 by fire officials. There were injuries. Battalion Chief Gus Whis-
tons in charge of fire fighting op-

tions.

Rate Policy

The Inter-

Board of Directors concurred.

Master Plan Proposal

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to pass. Money from those bonds would have paid for a distribution system to pump
Feather River water from the
new aqueduct of communities as far away as Boron and Ill

Vista.

When asked why voters turned the plan down, Spin-

araki said it was probably due to the increase it would mean in taxes.

"They don't have an emer-

gency yet... they're not thirsty enough yet."

Board of Trade vice presi-
dent Virgil Weaver took ex-
ception with AVEK's plan and
said it would cost some users up to 10 times as much for
water than it does now.

In other BOT news, it was

announced that Paul Gaskins had been named as a replace-
ment for Leon Ford on the
Industri'al Development Com-

mittee.

BOT secretary Bill Mont-

tambie disclosed that the
terms of nine directors are ex-
piring and nominations were open to fill out the bal-

cot for the election to those

positions.

Directors who will be up for reelec-
tion are Virgil Weaver, Bill Montantle, Lee

Dore, Dr. M. Brakemeyer, Steve Chaiid, Abe Loewen, Ron Sipherd, Wally Spin-

araki, and Vern Ward.

Lake Hughes...

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Two girls and a man were

charged with in-

and Richard. Leland is still

unfit to the District as a member of the Land Committee.

System

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was named to the District as a member of the Land Committee.

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A Valley Federal Groundbreaking

Ceremonies were held Tuesday afternoon to mark the start of construction of a new Valley Federal Savings and Loan Building near 22nd St. E. and Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale. Participating in the groundbreaking ceremonies were, from left, Lamont Odett and Judge

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year's contests for the Ray B. Edwards Chapter 819, Lancaster, Hope, will be conducted following a 6 p.m. meeting at the Valley Bank Building, Saturday, July 29, in S,

Alexandria, Lancaster's City of Hope Area Coordinator Marion Miller will serve as installing officer at the meeting open to the public.

Burger-N-Brew Night Set for Saturday

Saturday, July 29, is the date of the June

City's Fourth "Burger-N-Brew" night. The event will be

106th St. E., three miles south of Pearbloom Hwy, with plenty of free parking.

OK Lock, Key Change

Trusting of the Southern Kern Unified School District have approved an expenditure of $1800 to replace all locks and keys throughout the district.

"There's too many keys out," district superintendent

noted to trustees prior to board approval during their Tuesday night meet-

The contract has been awarded to the Schlage Lock

Company, of San Francisco, which will furnish material

and an auxiliary technician, but district personnel will do

the work. Key turning will be handled by one-1/2 hour shifts on the bus route engi-

need of repair.
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welfare of the inhabitants of the service area of Lake Elizabeth Mutual Water Company is endangered due to the serious deficiency in local groundwater supplies, and will remain so endangered unless water is made available by the installation of emergency facilities.”

The letter sets forth a list of conditions relating to supplying untreated water to the company.

The company would provide temporary pumping facilities, metering devices, and appurtenances.

About 1000 acre feet per year would be delivered, at a cost of $30.60 per acre foot in 1972 and $32.55 per acre foot in 1973.

Although directors generally were favorable to the proposal to supply water on an emergency basis, they expressed concern about problems relating to any permanent arrangement.

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