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ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Offices and Water Allocation Section
FROM: Norman C. Young *NCY*
DATE: June 10, 1986
RE: Development Period on Applications for Permit

Application Processing No. 38

The development period requested on an Application for Permit should reflect actual time required to complete development and initiate use. Applications requesting more time than which appears to be reasonable should be adjusted to a reasonable time period according to judgement and the facts associated with the filing or must justify the need for the period requested. Factors to be considered include the following:

- (1) A minimum of one construction and beneficial use period should be allowed following a reasonable period to develop a final detailed design, to obtain financing, procure drillers or other contractors, and to order, receive, and install necessary equipment. For example, an irrigation filing involving a well and sprinkler system approved in the spring should be given until the fall of the following year to file proof on the project.
- (2) Applications for large projects should include a schedule of time required to develop the project.

For purposes of this memo, the following criteria also should be used as a guide:

- (a) Projects which require other approvals, such as a FERC license or a BLM/DLE allowance, should be approved only when such approvals have been received. The development period should reflect the considerations identified in item (1).

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(b) Applications submitted after a development and use have already occurred may be approved with less than a one (1) year development period.

(c) Certain municipal developments by the nature of growth of the city may require the maximum allowable development period.

If the time period recommended or approved is different from the time period requested, justification should be adequately documented with a memo to the file or a note on the staff analysis sheet.