

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

November 16, 1978

Governor Jay S. Hammond
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Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Governor:

I am pleased to transmit a copy of the minutes of the Alaska Water Resources Board meetings held May 1-3 and July 13-14, 1978 in Juneau and Anchorage.

Our first meeting resulted in several resolutions which have been forwarded to you. Our last meeting gave rise to two resolutions which are attached for your consideration. Resolution 78-5 deals with coordination and notification of various water related permits requirements for obtaining such permits. Resolution 78-6 specifically deals with notification of procedures and opportunities for establishing water rights. The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide this information and advice to you pursuant to its duties described in Article 3, Title 46, Chapter 15 of the Alaska Statutes.

As you may know, over the past year your appointments to the Board and cooperation of involved agencies have rejuvenated the body.

Although required by statute to meet twice a year, the Board had not met for over two years until your appointments were made, and the Department of Natural Resources pieced together funds from various parts of its operating budget to bring us together again in May of this year. Speaking for the Board, I sincerely hope that our review of state water activities and transmittal of meeting minutes and resolutions to your office is serving a useful and constructive function.

Should you view our work and efforts favorably, we hope you will give positive consideration to a request for Board travel and per diem being transmitted through the Department of Natural Resources FY80 budget proposal. The request in the amount of \$10,000.00 should allow the Board to meet as required by law during FY80 and would eliminate some of the hardships and uncertainties caused by diversion of funds from necessary daily service functions of the department.

The Board is just beginning to function again and we see many areas where water resources will be needed or affected by new programs such as fisheries enhancement, bottomfish processing, agricultural development, and mineral development. In addition, many existing communities may require additional water supplies, flood protection measures, or power from potential hydroelectric facilities.

Throughout the past few years, there has been an evolution of new projects and programs with water related impacts or authorities. There appears to be a confusing maze through which one must travel to find data and information on water resources and to acquire necessary authorizations or assistance. As citizens from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests who share a common interest in orderly

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utilization of state resources and efficient government, we feel we can provide some constructive observations and advice for your consideration.

We look forward to serving you and the citizens of Alaska over the next year.

Respectfully yours,

Richard H. Sims
Chairman

cc: Water Resources Board Members

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