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Abstract: Chiefly pertaining to his office as San Francisco City Engineer, 1908-1912, and concerning the city's water supply, particularly the Hetch Hetchy Valley and Lake Eleanor, and the Spring Valley Water Company.
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The Marsden Manson Papers, 1887-1937, consist of a selection of correspondence, manuscripts, and professional papers that span his professional career from 1887 to 1931. Much of the material deals with Manson's tenure as San Francisco City Engineer from 1908 to 1912, but his writing and research activities are also well documented.

Manson's major correspondents include A. H. Giannini, William Hammond Hall, and Gifford Pinchot. His writings include an annotated draft of *The Evolution of Climate*, plus many articles and reports written primarily for the San Francisco Board of Public Works. Much of this material relates to San Francisco's water supply, Hetch Hetchy, and Spring Valley Water Company. His research materials contain pamphlets, subject files, and a small map collection, while ephemera includes an invitation to the inauguration of O'Shaughnessy Dam in 1923, and clippings concerning Manson's engineering work from 1906 to 1929.

Printed materials, maps, and reports relating to Manson can also be found elsewhere on the University of California, Berkeley campus, including the Earth Sciences and Maps Library, and the Water Resources Center Archive.
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Series 2: Writings, 1891-1929.

Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Divided into 3 sub-series: Book, Articles, and Reports, all listed by title. Manson's book and articles reflect his various interests in climate, water rights, and hydro-electric power. Reports, created during his tenure as San Francisco City Engineer, focus on San Francisco's need for an outside water source, and include detailed information on Hetch Hetchy and Spring Valley Water Company. Unless noted as including typescripts with revisions or annotations, and notes, Manson's writings are represented only by printed copies of the published works, which may also include his annotations.

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folder 84  Conditions and Possibilities for Power Development on Merced River, California
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folder 85  Notes and Descriptions of Lands In and Adjacent to Hetch Hetchy Reservoir Site
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folder 86  Proposed Water Supply
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folder 87  Protection of Water Rights on the Basins of Tuolumne River and Lake Eleanor
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folder 91  What is an Available Source Under Federal Law?
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Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.
Divided into 3 sub-series: Engineers' Reports (listed by author), Subject Files (listed by topic), and Maps (listed by title). The materials that focus on climate and geology were probably used to help create Manson's book, "The Evolution of Climate," while the remaining subject files and maps relate to his interest in water supply and consumption in California. Pamphlets and other materials in the subject files compiled by Manson are heavily annotated.

Engineers' Reports, 1903-1921

Ctn. 2, folder 1  Earl, W. H.
Report on the Irrigation of Honey Lake and Willow Creek Valley 1906

Ellis, Randall N.
[... Notes connected with the Hydraulic System of the Standard Electric Company...] 1906

F. G. Baum & Company

Freeman, John Ripley
On the Proposed Use of a Portion of the Hetch Hetchy, Eleanor and Cherry Valleys 1912

Hall, Leon M.
Report upon the Hydro-electric Power Development on the Merced River Electric Power Company 1921

Hazen, P. J.
[Copy of brief of] Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District, in regard to application of James D. Phelan and others for certain reservoir sites ... in Yosemite National Park 1903

Hopson, E. G.
Report on Tuolumne River Supply For San Francisco, with appendix 1909

Marx, C. D. and J. D. Galloway
Summary of conclusions in ... appraising the Value of Certain Claims by William Hammond Hall at Lake Eleanor and on Eleanor Creek 1909
McClure, Wilbur F.

Flood Control Report #9, Sutter Basin Soil Survey 1913
Woodward, Thomas P.

Report on the American-Cosumnes Water Project and the Blue Lakes-Mokelumne Water Project 1906
Report of the Sub-committee on Water Supply and Fire Protection to the Committee on the Reconstruction of San Francisco 1906

Subject Files, 1905-1937

California Water Legislation 1905-16
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Climate 1906-27

Commonwealth Club of California, Section on Bay Cities Water Supply Minutes of meetings and report 1924

Hetch Hetchy 1907-37
Mount Diablo Meridian 1911
O'Shaughnessy Dam 1931

San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Resolutions and Ordinances 1906-12

San Francisco City Planning 1908-28
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American-Cosumnes and Tuolumne Catchment Area 1906
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Sacramento Valley 1890
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Sierra Forest Reserve n.d.
Yosemite National Park 1905

Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1892-1931.

Scope and Content Note
Contains ephemera, including an invitation to the inauguration of O'Shaughnessy Dam, a scrapbook with loose pages of clippings from California newspapers concerning water issues in the West, 1892-1931, and clippings relating to Manson's engineering work from 1906 to 1929.

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