**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Elmer K. Nelson papers  
**Date (bulk):** bulk 1943-1962  
**Collection Number:** WRCA 057  
**Extent:** 2 linear feet, 2 cartons  
**Repository:** Rivera Library. Special Collections Department. Riverside, CA 92517-5900  
**Languages:** English  

**Access**  
Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights**  
Copyright has not been assigned to the Water Resources Collections and Archives. All requests for permission to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted in writing to the Director of Distinctive Collections. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the Water Resources Collections and Archives as the owner of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder, which must also be obtained by the reader.

**Preferred Citation**  
[identification of item], [date if possible]. Elmer K. Nelson papers (WRCA 057). Water Resources Collections and Archives. Special Collections & University Archives, University of California, Riverside.

**Collection Scope and Contents**  
Engineering consultant, United States Senate, Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Correspondence and reports concerning the legal aspects of reclamation, water rights, public lands, Columbia River Watershed, Snake River Watershed, and Colorado River Watershed.

**Collection Number**  
Collection number updated February 2019. Legacy collection number was NELSON. This change was part of a project in 2018/2019 to update the collection numbers for collections in the Water Resources Collections and Archives.

**Indexing Terms**  
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**  
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
Colorado River Watershed (Colo.-Mexico)  
Columbia River Watershed  
Reclamation of land -- United States -- Law and legislation  
Snake River Watershed (Wyo.-Wash.)  
Water rights -- United States

| Box 1, Item 1 | Horne, Frank B. Certain legal aspects of reclamation 1953 |
| Box 1, Item 2 | Relating to the administration by the Secretary of the Interior of section 9, subsections (d) and (e) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939,1955-1957 |
| Box 1, Item 3 | The Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, Nebraska, and present status of its contract, under reclamation law, with the United States, through the Secretary of the Interior 1950 |
| Box 1, Item 4 | Repayment and related provisions of Federal reclamation laws of general Application 1951 |
| Box 1, Item 5 | Memorandum on some legal and factual details with respect to S. 851 and other "water rights" bills before Congress 1960 |
| Box 1, Item 6 | Memorandum, remarks and statement regarding the water right bills, S. 851 and others 1959-1960 |
| Box 1, Item 7 | Moses, Raphael J. Federal vs. state water rights : a middle ground 1959 |
| Box 1, Item 8 | Dworshak, Henry. Remarks on agriculture and irrigation 1959 |
Tables of areas of Federally-owned lands, Federal reservations, and Federally-administered lands in the states west of the 98th meridian with respect to provisions of S. 851, S. 1416, and S. 1592 1959

Policy proposed to be established by the Congress relating to Federal development of water control project in compliance with local or State laws 1959

Final desert land entries 1940

Navigation developments 1958-1960


Exhibits I, II, III, and IV relating to use of land in the 48 states 1960

Request for information on the situation presently existing in connection with proposed legislation in the field of water rights 1960


Sedimentation at hydro reservoirs 1950

Congressional approval of a subsidy to irrigation developments in the Missouri River Basin from net power revenues from hydroelectric power production of Federal plants of the Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers 1960

Summary analysis of Columbia Interstate Compact approved by Compact Commissioners of the seven states, and presently before state legislatures for ratification October 3, 1960

Hearings in Idaho on by Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers, jointly, on a "joint study to investigate and report on the need for and potential of development of the land and water resources of the Snake River Basin" above the Brownlee Dam December 7, 8 and 9, 1960

Memoranda regarding treaty between Canada and United States relating to the cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin 1961

Request for information with respect to the recent treaty between the United States and Canada in the development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin 1961

General geographic and hydrologic data of Columbia River Basin 1958

Analysis of Columbia Interstate Compact, approved by Compact Commissioners at Spokane, Washington on as suggested by you prior to the December 6, 7, and 9th hearings in Idaho. Memorandum to Sen. Henry Dworshak October 3, 1960

Columbia River Basin : (a) basic data on waters of the basin; uses of water; residual run-off at principal points. (b) General and specific provisions of the treaty signed by representatives of the United States and Canada on relating to cooperative development with reference to flood control and hydroelectric power January 17, 1961

The preliminary summary report, upper Snake River Basin investigation : Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers 1960

Columbia River Basin : miscellaneous reports, correspondence, notes, data and maps 1955-1961

Miscellaneous letters and notes concerning water rights and various water Projects 1950-1962

Upper Colorado River Basin : preliminary studies of historical runoff 1943