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## Joe S. Bain papers

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Joe S. Bain papers

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**Creator:** Bain, Joe S. (Joe Staten), 1912-1991

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**Abstract:** The collection consists of notes, reports, memoranda, interviews, news clippings, financial statements, Bank of America data, etc., used as background materials for the book, *Northern California's Water Industry: The comparative efficiency of public enterprise in developing a scarce natural resource*, by Joe S. Bain, Richard E. Caves, and Julius Margolis (Published for Resources for the Future, Inc. by The Johns Hopkins Press, c1966).

**Languages:** The collection is in English.

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**Collection Number**

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**Biographical Note**

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**Collection Scope and Contents**

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**Collection Arrangement**

The collection is arranged topically.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Water resources development -- California

Water-supply -- California

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

Reports

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Notes

Clippings (information artifacts)

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- Box 1, Folder 1      **Correspondence with Vincent Ostrum, Resources for the Future, Inc., Washington, D.C March-July 1964**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder
- Box 1, Folder 2      **Alternative (thermo-electric) power costs for the Delta features of the Central Valley Project 1961 (?)**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
                                 **Scope and Contents**  
                                 Includes notes, plans, charts, etc.
- Box 1, Folder 3      **Acreage limitation 1958-1962**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
                                 **Scope and Contents**  
                                 Correspondence, study, news clippings, etc. Partial contents: Water pricing to enable family sized farms to afford water from the proposed California Water Resources development system -- Acreage discrimination : address of Burnham Enersen, Attorney ... before the Arizona State Reclamation Association -- Central Valley and state water contracts in relation to protecting rural democracy and family agriculture : report to the semi-annual meeting of the California Farm Research & Legislative Committee / by William Reich -- Why acreage limitations have failed in California / by Robert Durbrow.
- Box 1, Folder 4      **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation 1958-1961**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
                                 **Scope and Contents**  
                                 Includes tables, charts, interviews, correspondence, miscellaneous studies, reports, Central Valley Project data, and news clippings.
- Box 1, Folder 5      **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation projects (New Melones, Auburn) news clippings 1961-1963**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder
- Box 1, Folder 6      **Sacramento canals news clippings 1962-1963**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder
- Box 1, Folder 7      **Mountain counties: county of origin material 1959-1962**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
                                 **Scope and Contents**  
                                 Includes correspondence and memorandum dated 9/18/59 from William R. Gianelli to Harvey O. Banks re conflicts in the development of recent major water development projects.
- Box 1, Folder 8      **Irrigation Districts Association meeting at Yosemite National Park 1960**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
                                 **Scope and Contents**  
                                 Includes notes, program, etc.
- Box 1, Folder 9      **California Water Service Company systems reports 1958-1959**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
                                 **Scope and Contents**  
                                 Includes reports on results of operation, source of water supply, storage facilities, etc.
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- Box 1, Folder 10      **Citizens Utilities Company 1959-1960**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    Includes historical information and annual report for 1959.
- Box 1, Folder 11      **Friant Water Users Association 1950-1960**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder
- Box 1, Folder 12      **Kings River Water Users (Solicitors Decision et al) 1940-1962**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    Includes correspondence, news clippings, interviews, reports, contracts, etc.
- Box 1, Folder 13      **Pacific Gas Electric Company 1959-1961**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    Includes: list of the Company's reservoirs showing the county in which it is located, the dam crest elevation, the capacity, and the primary use; maps showing the location of reservoirs, power plants, canals, and other facilities which include hydroelectric developments and associated water distribution systems; list of hydroelectric generating plants and the county in which each is located; a statistical sheet showing domestic water systems and ditch systems showing the number of customers in each, the metered sales, and the source of water; tariff sheets filed with California P.U.C., which indicate the domestic water systems service areas and the district ditch systems; a list of resale customers indicating the source canal, the county, and the quantity sold in 1959; a summary of contracts for transportation of water; and, the annual reports for 1958 and 1959.
- Box 1, Folder 14      **Pacific Gas Electric Company 1957-1963**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    Interview notes, background materials, etc. Includes: The role of the private power company / by William B. Kuder (reprinted from California law review, vol. 45, no. 5 (December 1957).
- Box 1, Folder 15      **Butte County 1955-1962**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District, Paradise Irrigation District, Richvale Irrigation District, Sutter-Butte Canal Company, and Thermalito Irrigation District.
- Box 1, Folder 16      **Calaveras County 1954 (?)**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Calaveras County Water District.
- Box 1, Folder 17      **Colusa County 1959-1960**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Provident Irrigation District, and other Colusa County irrigation and water districts.

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Box 1, Folder 18	<p><b>Del Norte County 1958</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>Includes: Official statement of the City of Crescent City, California in connection with the sale of \$650,000 ... water and sewer bonds series "B".</p>
Box 1, Folder 19	<p><b>El Dorado County 1959</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on El Dorado Irrigation District, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, and South Tahoe Public Utility District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 20	<p><b>Fresno County 1957-1961</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Fresno Irrigation District, James Irrigation District, Kings River Water District, Panoche Water District, San Luis Water District, Tranquillity Irrigation District, and other Fresno County irrigation and water districts.</p>
Box 1, Folder 21	<p><b>Glenn County 1951</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Provident Irrigation District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 22	<p><b>Humboldt County 1959-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 23	<p><b>Imperial County 1957-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Imperial Irrigation District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 24	<p><b>Kern County 1958-1961</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Arvin Water Company, Buena Vista Water Storage District, Kern County Canal and Water Company, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, and other Kern County irrigation and water districts.</p>
Box 1, Folder 25	<p><b>Kings County 1956-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Empire West Side Irrigation District, Kings County Water District, Last Chance Water Ditch Company, Lemoore Canal &amp; Irrigation Company, Stratford Irrigation District, and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 26	<p><b>Lake County 1954 (?)</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Kelseyville County Waterworks.</p>

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- Box 1, Folder 27      **Lassen County**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Tule Irrigation District.
- Box 1, Folder 28      **Los Angeles County 1955-1961**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District, Smithson Springs Water Company, and other Los Angeles County water and irrigation districts.
- Box 1, Folder 29      **Madera County 1959-1960**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Chowchilla Water District and Madera Irrigation District.
- Box 1, Folder 30      **Mariposa County**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    Materials lacking.
- Box 1, Folder 31      **Mendocino County 1957-1958**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Calpella County Water District, Dos Rios Water System, Hopland Public Utility District, Laytonville County Water District, Mill view County Water District, and Willow County Water District.
- Box 1, Folder 32      **Merced County 1956-1960**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Central California Irrigation District, Grassland Water District, Merced Irrigation District, and San Luis Water District.
- Box 1, Folder 33      **Modoc County 1959**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Tule lake Irrigation District.
- Box 1, Folder 34      **Mono County undated**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Mammoth County Water District.
- Box 1, Folder 35      **Monterey County 1955-1958**  
    **Physical Description:** 1 folder  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    File of materials on Fruitland Water Company, Monterey Peninsula Water District, San Ardo Water District, and other Monterey County irrigation and water districts.

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Box 1, Folder 36	<p><b>Nevada County 1931-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Nevada Irrigation District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 37	<p><b>Orange County 1959</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Capistrano Beach County Water District, Coastal Municipal Water District, Cypress County Water District, Newport Mesa County Water District, Orange County Water District, Yorba Linda County Water District, and other Orange County water and irrigation districts.</p>
Box 1, Folder 38	<p><b>Placer County 1953-1962</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Foresthill Public Utility District, Frey Water Company, Placer County Water Agency, and Rocklin-Loomis Municipal Utility District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 39	<p><b>Plumas County 1950</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Clio Public Utility District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 40	<p><b>Riverside County 1959-1962</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Cabazon Water District, Coachella Valley Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 41	<p><b>Sacramento County 1955-1962</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Carmichael Irrigation District, Citrus Heights Irrigation District, Elk Grove Irrigation District, Fair Oaks Irrigation District, Natomas Water Company, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, San Juan Suburban Water District and other Sacramento County irrigation and water districts.</p>
Box 1, Folder 42	<p><b>San Benito County 1960-1961</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on the city of Hollister, Aromas County Water District, and other San Benito County irrigation and water districts.</p>
Box 1, Folder 43	<p><b>San Bernardino County 1957-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Crestline Village Water District, Cucamonga County Water District, Panorama Heights Water Company, Running Springs County Water District, Victorville County Water District, Yermo Water Company, and other San Bernardino County irrigation and water districts.</p>

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- Box 1, Folder 44      **San Joaquin County 1955-1960**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, East San Joaquin Water Conservation District, Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Stockton and Plain View Water District, West Side Irrigation District, and other San Joaquin County water and irrigation districts.
- Box 1, Folder 45      **San Luis Obispo County 1957-1958**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Atascadero County Water District, Garden Farms County Water District, Grover City County Water District, Pismo County Water District, and Shell Beach County Water District; and materials related to the Mid-Coastal Counties State Water Plan Board.
- Box 1, Folder 46      **Santa Barbara County 1959 (?)**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Santa Barbara County Water Agency District, Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District, and other Santa Barbara County irrigation and water districts.
- Box 1, Folder 47      **Santa Cruz County 1957-1960**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Aptos Sanitation District, Central Santa Cruz County Water District, Riverside Grove Water Company, San Lorenzo County Water District, and other Santa Cruz County irrigation and water districts.
- Box 1, Folder 48      **Shasta County 1959**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on the City of Redding, Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, Burney Water District, Cottonwood County Water District, and Happy Valley Irrigation District.
- Box 1, Folder 49      **Sierra County 1959 (?)**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Waterworks District no. 1.
- Box 1, Folder 50      **Siskiyou County 1959-1960**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Butte Valley Irrigation District, Montague Water Conservation District, Tule Lake Irrigation District, and other Siskiyou County irrigation and water districts.
- Box 1, Folder 51      **Stanislaus County 1948-1960**  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder  
**Scope and Contents**  
File of materials on Del Puerto Water District, Modesto Irrigation District, Mustang Water District, Oakdale Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District, West Stanislaus Irrigation District, and other Stanislaus County irrigation and water districts.
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Box 1, Folder 52	<p><b>Sutter County 1960-1961</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Butte Water District, South Sutter Water District, Sutter Butte Canal System, and other Sutter County irrigation and water districts.</p>
Box 1, Folder 53	<p><b>Tehama County 1958</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Deer Creek Irrigation District, El Camino Irrigation District, and Los Molinos Water Works.</p>
Box 1, Folder 54	<p><b>Trinity County 1952-1957</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Trinity County Waterworks District no. 1.</p>
Box 1, Folder 55	<p><b>Tulare County 1950-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, Exeter Irrigation District, Farmersville County Water District, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Orange Cove Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Stone Corral Irrigation District, Teapot Dome Water District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, Tulare Irrigation District, and Vandalia Irrigation District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 56	<p><b>Tuolumne County 1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Snobowl Water System, and Tuolumne County Water District no. 1 and no. 2.</p>
Box 1, Folder 57	<p><b>Ventura County 1956-1960</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Santa Paula Water Works, Ltd., Ventura County Waterworks District no. 6, Santa Felicia Dam, and Casitas Dam.</p>
Box 1, Folder 58	<p><b>Yolo County 1960 (?)</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Dunnigan Water District, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Yolo-Zamora Water District.</p>
Box 1, Folder 59	<p><b>Yuba County 1960-1962</b></p> <p><b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder</p> <p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>File of materials on Browns Valley Irrigation District, Camp Far West Irrigation District, Cordua Irrigation District, Hallwood Irrigation Company, Johnson Rancho County Water District, Linda County Water District, Wheatland Water District, Yuba County Water Agency, and other Yuba County irrigation and water districts.</p>

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