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Biography
Hugh Groves Hansen was born on August 25, 1917 in Chico, California. He earned an A.B. degree from Oberlin College in 1938, a M.P.A. from University of Michigan in 1946, and a Ph. D. in Economics from the University of California, Riverside, in September 1955.
From July 1951 to July 1952, Hansen was employed as an economist in the U.S. Office of Price Stabilization in San Francisco. The OPS was established in 1951 as part of a price control law intended to restrain inflation during the Korean War. While not empowered by law to regulate public utility rates, the OPS could appear as a "friend of the court" -- or in this case, the California Public Utilities Commission -- in the national interest, which the San Francisco office undertook to do in opposing a rate increase requested by Pacific Gas & Electric Company in November 1951. Hansen was intending to present his arguments before the PUC, but was unable to do so when the hearing was established on short notice and he was out of San Francisco on another assignment at the time. Another OPS staff member presented Hansen's findings to the Commission, which acknowledged, but rejected, his arguments in their final decision.
In 1952, Hansen obtained a research fellowship grant from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation of Los Angeles to undertake a study of Central Valley water development. In the summer of 1953, he joined the staff of the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of California, Berkeley, as a Public Administration Analyst. His initial assignment was to conduct a brief study of federal-state relations in the Central Valley. The study lasted over two years and resulted in a detailed report submitted to the California State Assembly Interim Committee on Conservation, Planning, and Public Works. The report, Central Valley Project: Federal or State?, also served as Hansen's dissertation.
After receiving his Ph. D., Hansen served as Professor of Economics at the University of North Dakota and the State University of Iowa.
From February 1958 to October 1959, Hansen worked as Chief of the U.S. Census of Irrigation, a division of the U.S. Census of Agriculture, under Ray Hurley. He was primarily responsible for the direction of reorientation of the 1960 Census and for the working out of new concepts for statistical data gathering and tabulation of irrigation water data. The direction of reorientation was toward an emphasis on quantities of water diverted, used for irrigation, and transferred between drainage basins, and a de-emphasis on the previous practice of measuring characteristics of irrigation organizations. The 1960 Census emphasized "acre feet of water flows" rather than the previous emphasis on "acres irrigated."
Collection Scope and Contents
This collection is composed primarily of research files compiled for Hansen's study of federal-state relations in the Central Valley, which resulted in his dissertation, The Central Valley Project: Federal or State?(also published by the California State Assembly Interim Committee on Conservation, Planning and Public Works as Volume 13, no. 6, of the Committee's reports). It includes extensive interview notes, correspondence, reports, and detailed annotations of sources consulted.
Also includes materials on electric power rates (compiled by Hansen as an economist at the Office of Price Stabilization for submission to the California Public Utilities Commission in the "PG & E rate case" of 1951), the irrigation districts movement in California, and the 1960 Census of Irrigation.

1. Central Valley Project studies, 1942-1947. Reports integrated into pre-existing collection. Filed under call number WRCA MS 95/2.


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Subjects
Central Valley Project (Calif.)
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
United States. Bureau of the Census
Electric utilities -- California -- Costs
Electric utilities -- Rates -- California
Irrigation districts -- California
Irrigation water -- United States -- Statistics
Water resources development -- Government policy -- California

Central Valley Project 1943-1971
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Scope and Contents
Research files compiled for Hansen's study of federal-state relations in the Central Valley.

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**Problems concerning rights of the United States for Central Valley Project water. Sacramento: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Office of the Regional Counsel, Region 2, October 24, 1951.**

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Factors for converting benefits and costs to a common time basis. Boulder City, Nev.: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Region 3, Branch of Project Planning, September 1948.

Scope and Contents
Supplemented by Region 2 (Sacramento), April 1951.

Box 1, folder 12  Decker, Kenneth, undated
Scope and Contents
Draft essays on various economic aspects of the Central Valley Project.

Box 1, folder 13  Engelbert, Ernest, 1953-1954
Scope and Contents
Essays, papers, articles, and correspondence.

Box 1, folder 14  Excess lands provision 1946-1954
Scope and Contents
Brochures, Congressional records, correspondence, memoranda, newsletters, etc., related to proposed acreage limitations in the Central Valley.

McWilliams, Carey. Small farm and big farm. New York: Public Affairs Committee, 1945. (Public Affairs pamphlet; no. 100).

Box 1, folder 15  Feather River Project 1950-1953
Scope and Contents
Hearing minutes, essay, press releases, and summary.

Edmonston, A. D. Planning for water for Southern California, April 12, 1951.
Scope and Contents
Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern California Planning Congress, Burbank, California.

The Feather River Project : a summary of the pertinent features of the proposal and some comments from various sources. San Francisco: Irrigation Districts Association of California, Water Committee, November 1951.

Box 1, folder 16  Federal - state relations 1953
Scope and Contents
Correspondence and press release.

Box 1, folder 17  Groundwater 1949-1952
Scope and Contents
Memorandum from Bill Gardner on Central Valley groundwater and press release.

Box 1, folder 18  History 1946-1952
Scope and Contents
Essays, memoranda, and notes.

Holsinger, Henry. Review of 'History of legislation and policy formation of the Central Valley Project,' by Mary Montgomery and Marion Clawson of staff, USDA, BAE, July 1, 1946 (revised March 1, 1947).

Box 1, folder 19  Huffman, Roy E. Economics of irrigation development, June 27, 1951.
Scope and Contents
Paper presented before the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.
Box 1, folder 20  **Interview notes 1953-1957**  
Scope and Contents  
Miscellaneous interview notes not included in the Notebooks (see Box 2).

Box 1, folder 21  **Iowa Water Resources Seminar 1956**  
Scope and Contents  
Correspondence, essays, and presentations.

  **Ellis, Harold H. Some alternative types of water rights legislation enacted or proposed in eastern states, March 5, 1956.**  
Scope and Contents  
Address delivered at Seminar on Iowa's Water Resources, Ames, Iowa.

  **Adams, L. M. Water rights under the riparian and appropriation doctrines, March 5, 1956.**  
Scope and Contents  

  **Davis, Eugene. Water rights in Iowa, 1956.**  
Scope and Contents  

Box 2  **Irrigation Districts Association, 1947-1954**  
Scope and Contents  
Brochures, newsletters, and summaries on various topics.

Box 2  **Irrigation techniques 1943-1952**  
Scope and Contents  
Brochures, essays, University of California projects and publications list, press releases, and summaries.

Box 2  **Ivanhoe Irrigation District, vs. All Parties and Persons 1952-1954**  
Scope and Contents  
Correspondence, memoranda, newsletters, and publications related to the "Ivanhoe Case."

Box 2  **Kings River 1950**  
Scope and Contents  
Letter report from Leland O. Graham, USBR, Region 2, to Karl W. Shattuck, Kings River Water Association.

Box 2  **Lyons, Barrow, 1954**  
Scope and Contents  
Correspondence and essays "on recent events tending to destroy the effectiveness of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as an agency for western development."

Box 2  **Maps 1938-1952**  
Scope and Contents  
Maps of California.

Box 2  **Marts, M. E. Use of indirect benefit analysis in establishing repayment responsibility for irrigation projects, January 16, 1952.**
Box 2  National Council on Agriculture Life and Labor, 1954
  Scope and Contents
  Newsletters and miscellany.

Box 2  Notebook 1952-1954
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  Correspondence, interview notes, etc., compiled by Hansen during his thesis research.

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Box 3  News clippings 1952-1954

Box 3  Photographs 1951
  Scope and Contents
  Includes Delta Cross Channel, Friant-Kern Canal, Shasta Dam, and Tracy Pumping Plant.

Box 3  Rasmussen, Jewell J. Criteria for determining the economic justification of water development projects, September 8, 1955.
  Scope and Contents
  Paper presented to the American Society of Civil Engineers Irrigation and Drainage Subdivision at Denver, Colo.

Box 3  Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 1951-1954
  Scope and Contents
  Correspondence, publication, and statements of James E. McCaffrey, General Manager.

Box 3  Salt water barriers for San Francisco Bay 1951-1953
  Scope and Contents
  Correspondence, pamphlets, research notes, etc. Includes information on the Reber Plan.

Box 3  State of California proposed acquisition of the Central Valley Project 1953-1954
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  Correspondence and memoranda.

Box 3  State water agencies reorganization 1953-1957
  Scope and Contents
  Reports, correspondence, and copy of Senate Bill no. 1657.

Box 3  State Water Resources Board, 1953
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Box 3  Thesis 1950-1954
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<td>Duggar, George and Kenneth Decker. Research and education at the University of California in the development, use, and conservation of natural resources. Bureau of Public Administration, April 20, 1953.</td>
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|       | Scope and Contents         |
|       | Memorandum to A. D. Edmonston, Water Project Authority. |
Hutchins, Wells A. History of the conflict between riparian and appropriative rights in the western states, 1954.
Scope and Contents
Paper presented at Water Law Conference on Riparian and Appropriative Rights, sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Tex., June 11-12, 1954.

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Electric Power Rates 1951-1956
Scope and Contents
Compiled by Hansen as an economist in the U.S. Office of Price Stabilization and presented to the California Public Utilities Commission.

Box 4 Pacific Gas and Electric rate case 1951-1956
Scope and Contents
Data, contracts, correspondence, decisions, diagrams, memoranda, notes, and testimony.

Box 4 Pacific Gas and Electric rate case undated
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"Application no. 32589, Exhibit no. 25."

Box 4 Sacramento Municipal Utility District brief 1952 February 6
Scope and Contents
"Application no. 32589, Work order no. S-975."

Box 4 California Public Utilities Commission decisions 1951-1952
Scope and Contents
Decision no. 46340 and Decision no. 47832.

Box 4 Power - General 1951-1954
Scope and Contents
Brochures, correspondence, diagrams, and memoranda.

Box 4 Power - Marketing 1953-1954
Scope and Contents
Contracts between PG & E and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, correspondence, press releases, and publications.

Irrigation District Movement 1950-1954
Hansen, Hugh G. The Irrigation District Movement in California, 1951.
Scope and Contents
Term paper for Economics 298, Spring 1951. Preliminary paper (written as part of the process of exploring a thesis topic related to California water) on the history of irrigation districts.

Correspondence and background materials 1950-1954
Scope and Contents
Includes correspondence from J. Rupert Mason, president of the International League for Land Taxation and Free Trade, and items related to the Henry Geor gemovement for land value taxation.

Census of Irrigation for 1960, 1930-1964
Scope and Contents
Correspondence, memoranda, analyses, etc., compiled by Hansen as Chief of the U.S. Census of Irrigation.

Census of Irrigation notebook 1958-1959
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Agriculture 1958-1959
Scope and Contents
Memoranda to Ray Hurley, Chief of the U.S. Census of Agriculture.

Outgoing correspondence 1958
Scope and Contents
Copies of Hansen's letters to various water resources experts soliciting information for inclusion in the census.

White, Gilbert F., 1958
Scope and Contents
Correspondence, memoranda.

Hudson, James, 1958
Scope and Contents
Correspondence, drafts.

Census of Irrigation, 1961. 1959
Scope and Contents
Data sheets issued by the U.S. Bureau of the Census showing preliminary information (irrigation organizations, area served, water conveyed, capital investments) for the states of Arizona, California, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Special Federal Agency Committee for 1959 Censuses of Irrigation and Drainage, 1957-1959
Scope and Contents
Memoranda, minutes, and notes.

Census of Irrigation enumerator's instruction book, 1959 1959
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Manual for census takers.
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**Questionnaires 1930-1964**
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Sample irrigation and agriculture census questionnaires.

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**Jenkins, Warder B. Supplemental data from the forthcoming censuses 1959**
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Scope and Contents
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Scope and Contents
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Scope and Contents
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