

Brown Restates Water Aim in Lancaster Talk

By a Times Correspondent

LANCASTER, June 6—Gov. Brown tonight affirmed his water program for the water-thirsty citizens of Antelope Valley in a speech climaxing Empire Water Day here.

"I am happy to see more and more people have agreed with me that this bill means water we need when we need it," he told 300 persons in the Antelope Valley Country Club.

"It is the first water measure of any significance to be approved in the Senate," he asserted.

Cites Optimism

Brown expressed optimism that the Assembly also will put its stamp of approval on the program next week.

The governor told his audience that Antelope Valley's underground water basin, now being depleted, will be supplemented by Feather River water by 1971 if a water bond issue is approved on the 1960 ballot.

"I landed at Palmdale Airport and was told this is the jet capital of the world," he said. "Production of planes may not require much water, but planes require people, and for this reason we must have an adequate supply."

The meeting, sponsored by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Basin Assn., was presided over by Will Rogers Jr. Al Skelton was general chairman of the full-day program.

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