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County officials are seeking \$400,000 in state funds for a \$2,176,000 waste water reclamation project in the Antelope Valley.

Chairman Warren M. Dorn of the Board of Super-

visors and County Engineer John A. Lambie outlined the waste water request for Davis-Grunsky Act money to William E. Warne, State Department of Water Resources director.

The project would be constructed west of Lancaster and south of the Gen. William J. Fox Airfield. It would establish a new water source in an area where the water table is diminishing constantly and the demands for industry, agriculture and recreation are increasing, Dorn said.

"Feather River water is proposed to reach the western edge of the valley in 1971 or 1972, with no present

schedule to complete the aqueduct through the region," Dorn added.

"The cost of this water, \$17 to \$100 per acre foot, will be too expensive to use once and then discard or waste.

"At present there are 85,000 people residing in the area. The Regional Planning Commission predicts that by 1970 this will increase to 215,000 and by 1980 to 750,000.

"A new source of water is urgently needed to supplement the present inadequate supply and keep pace with the area's development."

Lambie said the project would impound 3 million gallons daily, rising in 1980 to 11 million gallons daily.

An effluent treatment plant would be added to an existing water pollution control plant and the reclaimed water would be pumped 4½

miles to three reservoirs to be constructed near the Fox Airfield.

The reclaimed water would be available to 1,100 acres of adjacent industrial-zoned land and for irrigation of surrounding farms.

Dorn said the reservoirs also would form the nucleus of an aquatic park, with fishing and picnicking facilities and a fish and wildlife preserve.