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CHRONOLOGY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND REPORTS LEADING TO DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMPACT

New Jersey Laws 1961, Chapter 13

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- 1929-31 State of New Jersey vs. State of New York, 283 U.S. 336, 1931. Injunction suit against New York City's withdrawal of water from Delaware River. Pennsylvania also was party. New York City gets right to withdraw water. Amount limited.
- 1936 Incodel. Interstate Commission on the Delaware River Basin (Suburban Station Building, Philadelphia). N. J. R. S. 32:20-1 to 9. Members: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware. Planning and advisory agency. No administrative powers.
- 1939 Under auspices of Incodel, all four states enact water pollution legislation.
- 1942-44 Incodel studies and rejects plan for a Delaware Canal.
- 1947-48 Incodel makes survey of ports and harbors.
- 1951-52 Delaware River Port Authority, N. J. R. S. 32:3 to 12, established under authority of Incodel. Formerly Delaware River Joint Commission, the new agency established between Pennsylvania and New Jersey with greater powers to regulate traffic between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- 1950 Malcolm Pirnie, Engineers. Report on the Utilization of the Waters of the Delaware River Basin.  
This report under the auspices of Incodel proposes a Delaware River Basin Water Commission as an interstate compact for mutual utilization of water resources.
- 1950 Incodel. The Delaware River Basin Water Report. Short version of above. 1951.
- 1950 U. S. Senate requests Army Engineers to study Delaware River Watershed.
- 1953 Pennsylvania opposes Delaware River Basin Compact.
- 1952-54 State of New Jersey vs. State of New York, 347 U. S. 995, 1954. Decision allows additional diversion of water by New York City. (Pennsylvania also party to case.) Rivermaster to supervise diversion.
- 1955 Hurricanes Connie and Diane.
- 1955 Delaware River Basin Advisory Committee. Members: four governors, two mayors. To study water resources problems.
- 1955-57 U. S. Senate. Resolutions authorizing \$2,000,000 physical survey by Army Engineers and comprehensive report.

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- 1956 Delaware River Basin Research, Inc. (in 1959 changes name to Water Research Foundation for the Delaware River Basin.) 948 Suburban Building, Philadelphia.
  
- 1957 This private corporation formed under auspices of the Advisory Committee and financed by Ford Foundation. Entered into contract with Syracuse University Research Institute for a comprehensive study of a governmental organization for development of the water resources of the Delaware.
  
- ? Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin, 948 Suburban Building, Philadelphia.  
An organization of non-profit private groups interested in overall water resource development of the Delaware.
  
- 1958 Incodel. The Delaware River Basin Control and Utilization of Water Resources. Report. 20 p.
  
- 1959 Delaware River Basin Research, Inc. Water for your ever expanding needs. 20 p.
  
- 1959 Syracuse University. Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The Problem of Water Resources Administration with Special Reference to the Delaware River Basin. Preliminary Report by ... August, 1959. 505 p.  
Report recommends temporary Federal Agency first, followed by Interstate-Federal compact to carry out program of control of river resources.
  
- 1959 Water Research Foundation. A Brief Report on the Study of Governmental Organization for the Water Resources of the Delaware River Basin by the Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University. 28 p.  
The Research Foundation accepts the Syracuse report but proposes compact without prior temporary federal agency.
  
- 1959 Water Research Foundation and Water Resources Association. Water for Recreation Today and Tomorrow. 26 p.
  
- 1959 Delaware River Advisory Committee. Appoints a six-man commission to draft Compact for control of resources of Delaware.  
Oct. 1
  
- 1959 Incodel agrees to help Commission draft Compact.  
Oct. 15
  
- 1960 Martin, Roscoe. River Basin Administration and the Delaware. Syracuse University Press, 390 p. This is the Syracuse report in final form.
  
- 1960. William Miller (N. Y. University), Frederick Zimmermann (Hunter College) draft an interstate compact. They say there is no constitutional obstacle to federal-state compact.
  
- 1960 Water Research Foundation and Water Resources Association. Too Much or Too Little. Report. 28 p.

- 1960  
May Delaware River Advisory Commission proposes five member commission to administer Delaware compact.
- 1960  
Sept. American Political Science Association. Annual Forum, N. Y. Discusses new agency to be established.
- 1960  
Oct. 17 Delaware River Basin Water Resources Conference (Pocono Mountains) discusses the comprehensive plan for harnessing resources of the Delaware River.
- 1960  
Dec. U. S. Army Engineers. District. Philadelphia. Report on the Comprehensive Survey of the Water Resources of the Delaware River Basin.  
11 volumes.  
This report to be the basis for the plan on which compact is going to work.
- 1961  
Feb. 2 Delaware River Basin Advisory Commission submits compact draft to Committee of Governors, etc. Committee agrees in principle on compact. Ratification by States and Federal Government necessary.
- 1961  
Feb. 14 Identical Bills introduced in the New Jersey Legislature embodying the compact. Assembly 372, Senate 115 of 1961.  
Mar. 13
- 1961  
Mar. 8 Governor Meyner advocates compact in speech before Congress House Judiciary Committee.
- 1961  
Mar. 14 Water Research Foundation of Delaware River Basin.  
Symposium on Water Management in the Delaware River Basin. (In Philadelphia)
- 1961  
Mar. 19 State of New York Governor signs compact for New York. L. 1961, ch. 148 (S. I. 2114)  
See New York Legislative Annual, 1961, p. 167, Memorandum of Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation. Page 400, Governor's memorandum. (McKinney Session Laws, 1961, p. 1915, 2080.)
- 1961  
Mar. 21 New Jersey Assembly passes compact.
- 1961  
Mar. 21 New Jersey Taxpayers' Association approves compact.
- 1961  
Mar. 20 New Jersey Senate. Senate delays passage of bill. Constituents want more time to study effect on their properties and water supply.
- 1961  
Apr. 17 American Public Power Association. Opposes plan on preference issue.

- 1961  
Mar.-Apr. U. S. Congress House Judiciary Committee  
Hearing on HJR 225 March 8, 1961  
House Report 310 April 26, 1961
- 1961  
Apr. Camden County Chamber of Commerce. Water Resources Committee.  
U. S. Steel, Campbell Soup, R. C. A., Public Service Gas and Electric  
Co., American Waterworks Company of Palmyra agree with reservations  
to compact.
- 1961  
Apr. 17 Secretary of Interior Udall and Governors have meeting. Secretary  
reluctant, says U. S. Government cannot enter compact as equal partner.  
One of the problems is preference clause in purchasing electrical  
power for public bodies.
- 1961  
Apr. 25 New Jersey Senate passes Senate bill (same as Assembly bill). Senator  
Dumont had suggested amendment as to federal partnership. Amendment  
not made.
- 1961  
April 26 Conference Committee on Federal and State Relations. Committee requests  
Secretary Udall to change federal opposition to compact.
- 1961  
May 2 Governor Meyner signs compact for New Jersey. L. 1961, ch. 13. (No reports,  
hearings, etc. available.)
- 1961  
May 6 Delaware Legislature and Governor pass Compact. (No reports, hearings,  
etc. available.)
- 1961  
May Water Resources Association of Delaware River Basin. A Giant Step  
Toward Water Conservation in the Delaware River Basin. Question-  
Answer folder.
- 1961  
June 2 Water Resources Association. Second Annual meeting, POconos.  
Compact discussed. Timetable, acreage, etc.
- 1961  
June 29 National Governor's Conference. Honolulu. Approves pact.
- 1961  
June 29 U. S. Congress, House. Passes Compact.
- 1961  
July 7 Pennsylvania passes Compact. Pa. Laws 1961, Act No. 268 (Sen. 350)  
(Debates, Legislative Journal, p. 1794, 1923, 1961, 2313, 2317, 2548)
- 1961  
July-Aug. State and federal negotiations continue on pact. Federal Government  
to add special reservations. Power preference still a hindrance.
- 1961  
Aug. U. S. Congress. Sen. Subcommittee on Public Works. Hearing on S-856.  
Sen. Rep. 968. Delaware River Basin Compact. Committee approves  
modified version proposed by Senator Clark, no preference, authorization  
by Congress of any project undertaken by Commission. Federal funds to  
be appropriated only by Congress.

- 1961  
Aug. 31 U. S. Congress. Senate. Subcommittee on Judiciary. S. Rep. 854,  
Delaware River Basin Compact. Approves compact, rejects preference.
- 1961  
Sept. 14 U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.  
S. Rep. 1032. Delaware River Compact. Approves compact, no preference.
- 1961  
Sept. 15-16 U. S. Senate/House. Approve compact, Senate version.
- 1961  
Sept. 21 Delaware River Advisory Conference.  
Main purpose to advertise compact to affected areas, explain goals,  
learn about local interests and get cooperation.
- 1961  
Sept. 27 Compact signed by President. P.L. 87-328 - 75 Stat. 688 - (H.J.Res. 225)
- 1962  
Dec. 13 New Delaware River Basin Commission. Elects Governor Lawrence, Chairman,  
John P. Robin, Executive Director, Walter Phillips, Acting Secretary,  
William Miller, Acting General Counsel.
- 1962  
Feb. 28 Delaware River Basin Commission. First Public hearing to inform  
interested parties of broad plans. No financial commitments for the  
time being.
- 1962  
Mar. 28 Delaware River Basin Commission.  
a. Appoints James F. Wright, Director  
b. Trenton, headquarters  
c. \$333,000 - Budget for coming fiscal year  
d. Phase one schedule of 20 dam and watershed projects  
reaching 50 years in the future.