

TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE AMAZON, SOUTH SIDE, GREAT EASTERN,  
FARMERS AND GARDEN CITY DITCHES:

Gentlemen:

The Division of Water Resources of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture which is about to take over the administration of water to the five above named ditches under the Kansas law which provides,

"It shall be the duty of the Division of Water Resources of the State Board of Agriculture, under the direction of its chief engineer and other officers and employees, to distribute the water in any natural stream among the several ditches or water users taking water from such streams, according to the rights of each as adjudicated by court decree,"

has in preparation for this work obtained two decrees of the United States District Court, of dates of March 14, 1911 and April 8, 1912, the latter amending the former decree to include the Farmers Ditch, which decrees seem to set forth the manner in which the water rights of these five ditches are to be administered. The following are extracts from the above mentioned decrees which define the manner in which the water rights are to be administered:

A decree of the United States District Court of March 14, 1911, as modified by a decree of April 8, 1912 provides that as between the above named ditches the water shall be, "without any reference to any question of priority of rights between the parties, distributed and rotated \* \* \* \* \* as follows to-wit:

- "1. The Amazon Ditch - three thousand (3,000) acre feet."
- "2. The South Side Ditch - three thousand (3,000) acre feet."
- "3. The Great Eastern Ditch - four thousand three hundred twelve and one half ( $4312\frac{1}{2}$ ) acre feet, to be used by the United States Irrigating Company either for storage in its reservoir, or for direct irrigating."
- "4. The Farmers Ditch - three thousand nine hundred thirty-seven and five tenths (3937.5) acre feet."
- "5. The Garden City Ditch - one thousand five hundred (1,500) acre feet."

The total amount of water for the basis of distribution as between the parties is given as 1,050 cubic feet per second.

