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Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced today that the first meeting of the Pyramid Lake Task Force will be held October 16 at Reno. The Task Force includes representatives of the Department of the Interior and the States of California and Nevada.

The Task Force will study water allocations in the Truckee-Carson Basin and develop a plan intended to satisfy various water demands in the area.

Governor Ronald Reagan of California has named as his representatives Hubert Bruns, Chairman, Alpine County Board of Supervisors and Chairman of the California-Nevada Interstate Compact Commission; and Robert G. Eiland, Assistant Director, California State Department of Water Resources.

Governor Paul Laxalt of Nevada. has appointed Roland Westergard, State of Nevada. Engineer; James Vidovich, Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council; Robert Leighton, Director, Water and Lands, Sierra Pacific Power Company; Jim Wood, Manager, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; Fred Settelmyer, Upper Carson River Water Users; Frank Groves, Fish and Game Commission; and Eileen Brookman, past member of the Nevada Indian Affairs Commission.

Secretary Hickel has assigned Charles Renda, Regional Solicitor of the Department, Sacramento, Calif; Frank E. Sylvester, Regional Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, San Francisco; George Hedden, Assistant Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Robert J. Pafford, Jr., Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento.

Studies and recommendations of the Task Force will be reviewed by a Washington Committee headed by Harrison Loesch, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management. Other members are G. G, Stamm, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Irrigation, Bureau of Reclamation; and Raymond C. Coulter, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior. Assistant Secretary Loesch will attend the Reno meeting.