

surprise, we had two wet years and it's full and overflowing. But I guess the question I really wanted to ask you was, what relationship do you see between conservation measures, terraces, dams and so forth, and the surface water and the ground water levels?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Hudkins, obviously there's a relationship there. And anytime management practices are used that deter the runoff of water, you're going to have less surface water. And that's one of the problems in the Republican Valley is all the dryland farmers and all the people that have pastures they've built dams, they've built terraces, and so it does reduce the flow into the reservoirs in that area of the state because there's...

SENATOR HUDKINS: So, because...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...not the runoff there was. And I'd like to make one correction here, Senator Hudkins, I said Department of Water Resources furnished this map, the Conservation Survey Department are the ones that furnished the maps.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right, thank you. The point I'm making is that if the farmers and ranchers are building the terraces, they're putting in the tile outlet terraces, they're building ponds and dams, they are using best management practices. They are conserving the water, they're not letting it run away. Yes, that's going to affect the surface water. Perhaps there won't be the cubic feet per second running down the rivers and the streams. But that water sitting there in the ponds and in the terraces is going to recharge the ground level...ground water levels. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I agree.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you very much, I'm finished.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I feel a little bad getting up to speak this morning because I understand, while I was not here to defend myself, my integrity was once again questioned as to my propensity to pick up files that belong to other people. Apparently it was brought into question by