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Legal Problems re Formation of MWD

Background:
- Needs of Los Angeles and other Southern California municipalities for additional water supply source
- Colorado River only available source
- Lack of legal entity for this purpose
- Adoption of MWD Act (Stats. 1969, Ch. 209, as amended)
- Formation by interested cities
  Later annexation of districts, etc.

Legal Problems in Operation of MWD

Contract with Federal Government
- Background--terms, quantity
- Seven-Party Agreement
- Arizona v. California--impact (376 U.S. 340 (1964)
- Exchange agreements
- Current Indian claims

Contract with State
- Needs--background
- Essential terms
- Expansion after Arizona v. California decision
- Current disputes
  Activities and operation of Department of Water Resources
  Allocation of costs
Relationship With Member Agencies

- Pricing policies
- Water supply regulations