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DAM WORK TO START SOON

Actual construction on Matilija dam definitely was scheduled today to start on June 20.

The Ventura county flood-control district supervisors have delivered the dam-building contracts to W. E. Keir of the Keir Construction company, which with the Guy F. Atkinson company and Bressi and Bevanda Construction company entered a joint bid to erect the dam.

THE CONTRACT is to be back by June 10, with the work to start by June 20. Keir probably will serve as the go-between for the companies and the board and is expected to sign any agreements.

The board, meeting yesterday, also hired Joseph Gallagher of Los Angeles to handle rights-of-way problems on the dam, his monthly salary to be \$500. It also authorized District Attorney M. Arthur Waite to go ahead with condemnation proceedings at the dam site and to negotiate with property owners.

VIA LETTER, County Surveyor Robert Ryan recommended that the supervisors arrange to hold a meeting with the advisory board of zone one, in which the Matilija project is situated, to go over all financial problems of the zone and its dam-building projects. John Lanteri, once a candidate for the proposed zone one superintendent position, asked to talk with the board and was given a hearing for 11 a.m. next Tuesday.