

## [CHAPTER 1047]

## AN ACT

To authorize Sacramento Valley Irrigation Canals, Central Valley Project, California.

September 26, 1950  
[H. R. 163]  
[Public Law 839]

Central Valley project,  
Calif.  
Reauthorization.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the entire Central Valley project heretofore authorized under the Act of October 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844, 850), and the Act of October 17, 1940 (54 Stat. 1198, 1199), is hereby reauthorized and declared to be for the purposes of improving navigation, regulating the flow of the San Joaquin River and the Sacramento River, controlling floods, providing for storage and for the delivery of the stored waters thereof, for construction under the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws of such distribution systems as the Secretary of the Interior deems necessary in connection with lands for which said stored waters are to be delivered, for the reclamation of arid and semiarid lands and lands of Indian reservations, and other beneficial uses, and for the generation and sale of electric energy as a means of financially aiding and assisting such undertakings, and in order to permit the full utilization of the works constructed to accomplish the aforesaid purposes.

Tehama-Colusa  
Conduit.

SEC. 2. The features herein authorized shall include an irrigation canal, generally known as the Tehama-Colusa Conduit, to be located on the west side of the Sacramento River and equipped with all necessary pumping plants and appurtenant works, beginning at the Sacramento River near Red Bluff, California, and extending southerly through Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa Counties so as to permit the most effective irrigation of the irrigable lands lying in the vicinity of said canal and supply water for industrial, domestic, and other beneficial uses for these lands in Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa Counties or such alternate canals and pumping plants as the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Secretary of the Interior may deem necessary to accomplish the aforesaid purposes.

Chico Canal.

The features herein authorized shall also include an irrigation canal, generally known as the Chico Canal, to be located on the east side of the Sacramento River and equipped with all necessary pumping plants and other appurtenant works, beginning at the Sacramento River near Vina, California, and extending through Tehama and Butte Counties to a point near Durham, California, so as to permit the most effective irrigation of the lands lying in the vicinity of said canal and supply water for industrial, domestic, and other beneficial uses for these lands lying within Tehama and Butte Counties or such alternate canals and pumping plants as the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Secretary of the Interior may deem necessary to accomplish the aforesaid purposes.

SEC. 3. In locating and designing the works authorized for construction by section 2 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Reclamation shall give due consideration to the reports set forth in Bulletins numbered 13 and 26 of the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Public Works of the State of California, and shall consult the local interests to be affected by the construction and operation of said works, through public hearings or in such other manner as in their discretion may be found best suited to an expression of the views of such local interests.

Repayment of expenditures.

SEC. 4. The provisions of the reclamation law, as amended, shall govern the repayment of expenditures made for the works herein authorized for construction, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to cause the operation of said works and repayment thereof to be coordinated and integrated with the operation of and repayment

schedule for the existing features of the Central Valley project in such manner as will effectuate the fullest and most economic utilization of the land and water resources of the Central Valley of California for the widest possible public benefit.

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to construct the works authorized in section 2 of this Act: *Provided*, That no expenditure of funds shall be made for construction of this project until the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the President, has submitted to the Congress, with respect to such works, a completed report and finding of feasibility under the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws.

Approved September 26, 1950.

Appropriation authorized.

[CHAPTER 1048]

AN ACT

To amend the Columbia Basin Project Act with reference to recordable contracts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Columbia Basin Project Act (Act of March 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 14) be amended as follows:

(1) By adding a new paragraph, to be the second paragraph of subsection (c) of section 2, as follows:

“Notwithstanding the time limitations of the preceding paragraph but subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed therefor by the Secretary, the privilege of executing recordable contracts is hereby extended as follows: (i) To any landowner as to a tract of land to which he, or his ancestors or devisors if he holds as an heir or devisee, held legal or equitable title on October 28, 1947; (ii) to any landowner as to a tract of land as to which he has held legal or equitable title for not less than ten years (including the period of holding by his ancestors or devisors where title is held as an heir or devisee), or as to which he furnishes proof in writing satisfactory to the Secretary as to the terms of the transaction and consideration paid by him (or by his ancestors or devisors where title is held as an heir or devisee) for the tract and as to which there is a finding by the Secretary that the transaction was bona fide and for a consideration not in excess of the full fair market value of the tract, valued as of the date of that transaction without reference to or increment by reason of the project. Any such recordable contract may be executed only on or before December 31, 1951, or on or before a date to be fixed by the Secretary as to each irrigation block in which the lands are situated, such date to be approximately two years before the commencement of the development period for that block.”

(2) By deleting the last sentence of subdivision (ii) of subsection (e) of section 2.

(3) By amending subsection (a) of section 3 to read as follows: “Fraudulent misrepresentation as to the true consideration involved in the conveyance of, or contract to convey, any freehold estate in land covered by recordable contract or which is sought to be covered by a recordable contract under subsection 2 (c) hereof, in the affidavits required or which may be required under that subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.”

(4) By amending the second sentence of subsection (b) of section 4 to read as follows: “In addition, land sale and exchange contracts shall be on a basis that, in the Secretary’s judgment, provides for the return, in a reasonable period of years, of not less than the appraised

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Columbia Basin  
Project Act, amend-  
ment,  
16 U. S. C. § 835  
note,  
Post, p. 1075.

Recordable con-  
tracts.