

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ORGE ZANINOVICH  
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# Orange Cove Irrigation District

ORANGE COVE, CALIFORNIA

A. L. SCHOEPF  
ASSESSOR AND SECRETARY

CHAS. E. RAY  
TREASURER

G. C. BORNEFELD  
COLLECTOR

Financial Report of Orange Cove Irrigation District, Jan. 1, 1944.

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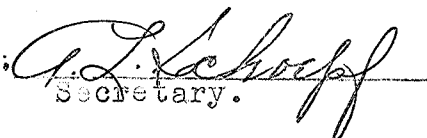
## Receipts

Interest received from Time Certificate of Deposit	\$ 18.00
Balance checking account Jan. 1, 1943	140.85
	<u>\$ 158.85</u>

## Expenditures

Election Supplies	\$ 16.08	
Advertising, Legal notices	17.41	
Surety Bonds, Assessor, Collector, Treasurer	75.00	
Miscellaneous		
Irrigation District Laws	\$ 2.06	
Notary fees	1.00	
Safe Deposit Box	3.00	
Stamps	1.00	7.06
Total Expenditures		<u>\$115.55</u>
Balance		<u>43.30</u>

Available funds Jan. 1, 1944	43.30
Time certificate account	\$900.00
Total	<u>\$943.30</u>

Signed:   
Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District March 8, 1944.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M.  
Present were President M. N. Jensen, Directors Geo. Zaninovich  
W. W. Arkley, Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Treasurer S.M. Peet,  
(Acting) Secretary G. C. Bornefeld.

The yearly financial statement of the District was read and approved. A motion was made by Director W. W. Arkley and seconded by Director Geo. Janinovich that the statement be published and the Secretary instructed to pay the bill for publication. Motion Carried.

Mr. G. C. Bornefeld tendered his resignation as acting secretary in favor of A. L. Schoepf, whose office he had held during the absence of the latter. A motion was made by Director Geo. Zaninovich and seconded by Director M. N. Jensen that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried. Mr. Bornefeld was commended by the Board for his services.

A motion followed by Director W. W. Arkley that A. L. Schoepf be re-appointed as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Director Geo. Zaninovich and carried.

Treasurer S. M. Peet also asked to be relieved from his duties as Treasurer, giving as his reason the uncertainty of his continued residence within the district. A motion was made by Director Geo. Zaninovich and seconded by Director W. W. Arkley that Mr. Peet's request be granted. The motion carried.

Director Geo. Zaninovich made a motion that Mr. G. C. Bornefeld be appointed Treasurer to serve the unexpired term of Mr. S. M. Peet. The motion was seconded by Director W. W. Arkley. The Motion Carried.

A discussion then followed in regard to the transfer of the surety bond covering S. M. Peet to G. C. Bornefeld. The secretary was instructed to attend to this matter.

The question of ways and means of relieving the District of the expense of the bond premiums was then discussed. It was held by the directors that the amount of \$75.00 per year (cost of premiums) was an unnecessary burden upon the treasury at this time. As an economy measure it was therefor suggested that both the treasurer and assessor-collector seek three individual signors to their respective bonds. The present bonds with the Fireman's Fund Indemnity Co. were to be terminated. This agreement was to be in force only until a time in the future when the District should be collecting and handling money derived from assessment or otherwise. The bonds were to be in the sum of \$5000.00 respectively. A motion was made by Director W. W. Arkley and seconded by Director Geo. Zaninovich that the secretary make the necessary arrangements. Motion carried.

A Bill for \$20.00 was presented by G. C. Bornefeld for services as acting secretary for the past year. A motion was made by Director W. W. Arkley, seconded by Director Geo. Zaninovich and carried that the bill be paid.

A motion then followed by Director W. W. Arkley and seconded by Director Geo. Zaninovich that the secretary draw the sum of \$5.00 to supplement the Petty Cash account. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Director Geo. Zaninovich that the secretary transfer \$100.00 from the time savings account to the checking account. Motion was seconded by Director W. W. Arkley and carried.

The meeting was then adjourned until further notice.

  
Secretary

  
President

# TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

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April 3, 1944

Boards of Supervisors  
Irrigation Districts  
Chambers of Commerce  
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With reference to the amendment to the Central Valley Project Act suggested by Congressman Elliott and passed by the House in the Rivers and Harbors Bill, copy of which you will note at the bottom of Page #2, we recommend that you immediately contact Senators Johnson and Downey asking their full cooperation and support in the passage of this Amendment which is now before the Senate.

Excerpts from the reclamation law which are the provisions that would effect the Central Valley Project area, and which Congressman Elliott's amendment will repeal are as follows:

In Section 1 of the reclamation law, the title being, "Minimum Entries of less than 40 acres --Subdivision Entries of Lesser Acres," this provision: "That whenever in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior by reason of market conditions and special fitness of the soil and climate for the growth of fruit and garden produce, a lesser area than 40 acres may be sufficient for the support of a family on lands to be irrigated under the provisions of the Act of June 17, 1902, known as the Reclamation Act, he may fix a lesser area than 40 acres as the minimum entry and may establish farm units of not less than 10 or more than 160 acres."

Then in Section 5 there is another objectionable feature which I quote in part as follows: "No right to the use of water for land in private ownership shall be sold for a tract exceeding 160 acres to any one landowner, and no such sale shall be made to any landowner unless he be an actual bona fide resident on such land, or occupant thereof residing in the neighborhood of said land, and that no such right shall permanently attach until all payments therefor are made."

And then Section 12 of the Reclamation Act of August 13, 1914, titled, "Owners of private lands under new projects must dispose of excess area --land excluded upon refusal," contains this provision: That before any contract is let or work begun for the construction of any reclamation project hereafter adopted, the Secretary of the Interior shall require the owners of private lands thereunder to agree to dispose of all lands in excess of the area which he shall deem sufficient for the support of a family upon the land in question, upon such terms and at not to exceed such price as the Secretary of the Interior may designate; and if any landowner shall refuse to agree to the requirements fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, his land shall not be included within the project if adopted for construction."

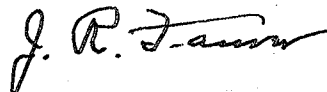
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Now inasmuch as the provisions of the Reclamation Law were adopted and intended originally to apply to areas wherein the government either owned all or a larger portion of the lands involved, and was reclaiming them from desert by means of irrigation, the regulations were very likely suitable to those conditions, but in the Central Valley area where all of the lands are in private ownership and have been for fifty years or more, they are certainly inapplicable and for that reason we are asking the adoption of this amendment.

Time is important and will you immediately wire or air mail Honorable Hiram W. Johnson, United States Senator, Capitol Building, Washington, D. C., also Honorable Sheridan Downey, United States Senator, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

We will appreciate copies of telegrams or letters be mailed to this office for our record.

Very truly yours,



J. R. Fauver, Chairman  
Tulare County Water Commission

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AMENDMENT TO RECLAMATION LAW  
NOW BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SENATE

"Sec. 4. The excess-land provisions of the Federal Reclamation laws shall not be applicable to lands which will receive a water supply from the Central Valley Project, California, reauthorized by section 2 of the Rivers and Harbor Act approved August 26, 1937."

# Orange Cove Irrigation District

ORANGE COVE, CALIFORNIA

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, April 19, 1944.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M.

Present were President M. N. Jensen, Directors W. W. Arkley, George Zaninovich, Treasurer G. C. Bornefeld, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The surety bonds of A. L. Schoepf, Assessor and Collector and G. C. Bornefeld, Treasurer were presented for approval and signing by the Directors.

A motion was made by W. W. Arkley and seconded by George Zaninovich that the bond of A. L. Schoepf be approved. Motion Carried.

A motion was also made by Geo. Zaninovich and seconded by W. W. Arkley that the bond of G.C. Bornefeld be approved. The motions carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. R. Fauver, Chairman of the Tulare County Warer Commission, asking the Directors to write our senators urging the support of an amendment to the Reclamation law whereby holding in excess of 160 acres might procure water from the Central Valley Project.

Upon motion by W. W. Arkley, seconded by Geo. Zaninovich, the Secretary was unstructed to send the following letter to Senators Johnson and Downey.



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April 20, 1944.

Honorable Hiram W. Johnson,  
United States Senator,  
Capitol Building, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District the Directors passed unanimously a motion urging the passing of the amendment to Reclamation Act removing the authorized acreage limitation affecting the Central Valley Project.

If the old Reclamation Act is not changed in this respect it will work an undue hardship on this Irrigation District as well as other Irrigation Districts under the Central valley Project.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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April 20, 1944.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

April 27, 1944

ROBERT V. SHIRLEY, CLERK

Mr. A. L. Schoepf, Secretary  
Orange Cove Irrigation District  
Orange Cove, California

Dear Mr. Schoepf:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 20, advising me that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District the Directors passed unanimously a motion urging the passage of the amendment to the Rivers and Harbors Bill, which amendment is designed to remove the authorized acreage limitation affecting the Central Valley Project.

The Rivers and Harbors Bill, H.R. 3961, is now before the Senate Committee on Commerce, and I assure you when it is taken up for consideration by the Committee, the provision you refer to will have my careful attention.

I am Thanking you for writing me,

Sincerely yours,

*Hiram W. Johnson*

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United States Senator Sheridan Downey will meet with all interested parties and irrigation districts to discuss the amendment to the Federal Reclamation Law regarding the excess land provisions as it applies to the Central Valley Project and which is now before the Senate.

This hearing will be held in Judge Welch's Chambers in the Old Post Office Building, 7th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, April 7th, 1944.

We urge that you have representation at this hearing as we are being opposed by the Bureau of Reclamation and some of the labor unions.

*J. R. Fawcett*

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A. L. Schoepf,  
Secretary. "

The meeting was then adjourned until further notice.

Secretary

  
President.