

FOOTHILL COLONY GIVEN WATER PLAN

Carmichael Tract Hears Report of Committee Urging Formation of District.

ADVOCATE DOUBLE SUPPLY

Use of Penstock Reservoir and American River Would Cost \$52,000.

The report of the water committee of the Carmichael Colonies Improvement club, on bettering the water situation in the colonies, was made public before a meeting of the club last night. The report is a voluminous one, and goes into every phase of the question. It embodies the recommendations of Albert Givan, the engineer, and the attorney's abstract of the law governing the formation of a Wright irrigation district.

The report was gotten out to determine whether or not it is practical and feasible to form an irrigation district under the Wright act, and to estimate the cost and the annual expense of the same. The area covered includes the land in the two Carmichael colonies, approximately 3100 acres.

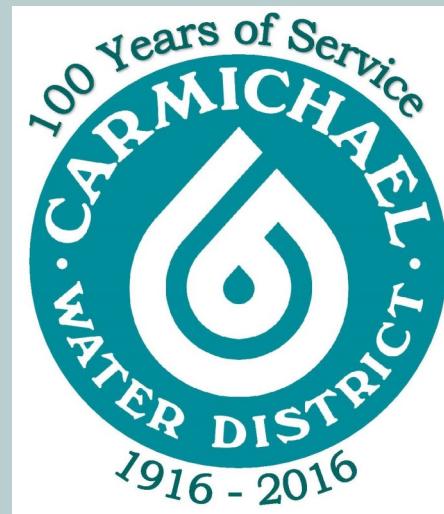
Three distinct systems or methods of securing the water supply for the district have been outlined and estimated. The first scheme proposes to take all water from the Penstock reservoir through an independent supply line. The second scheme proposes to take all water from the American river and distribute it through a system of mains, by pumping. The third scheme proposes to take a continuous annual supply of 4 second feet of water from the Penstock reservoir, and provides for the summer peak load during the irrigation season by pumping direct from the American river.

THIRD SCHEME RECOMMENDED.

NOVEMBER 2, 1915.

Carmichael Water District

Our goal is to provide the highest quality water for the lowest feasible cost. To serve our customers with diligence, efficiency, and integrity.



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THE WEATHER

Forecast for Sacramento and vicinity until midnight Tuesday—Showers, probably clearing Tuesday afternoon.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA,

TUESDAY MORNING,

FEBRUARY 8, 1916.

Carmichael Irrigation District became the first irrigation district in the Sacramento County in 1916. These articles found in The Sacramento Union follow the organization of the District during this time period.

DECEMBER 21, 1915.

CARMICHAEL COMPANY ASSURED A PERMIT

That the Carmichael Colony irrigation project will receive the indorsement of the state engineering department was apparent yesterday from a statement by Engineer McClure after he and his assistant, P. M. Narboe, had returned from an inspection trip to the colony. McClure and Narboe also inspected the Fair Oaks irrigation district.

NO OPPOSITION TO NEW DISTRICT

Wright Act Invoked First Time
in Valley by Carmichael
Colony.

Practically no opposition to the proposed irrigation district of 3106 acres in the Carmichael colony developed at the election yesterday to form the district under the Wright act, and to elect the officers therefor. Out of 57 possible voters, 53 attended the polls, 45 voting in favor of the formation of the district, and only three against it. The other five property owners did not vote. The district is the first in the Sacramento valley to be organized under the act, whose operation has been successful in the San Joaquin valley.

The officers elected yesterday with the vote given each follows: Directors, A. D. McDonnell 49, J. M. Jones 36, Fred T. Phelps 43; assessor, O. D. Boyer 50; tax collector, S. E. Graves 47; treasurer, George E. Fetters.

The directors will meet with Engineer Albert Givan this afternoon to decide which of the proposed three plans shall be carried out. A petition will then be circulated among the property owners, and when a majority of the deed holders and also of the assessed valuation have signed the petition, the supervisors will call a bond election. When state approval is secured, the bonds will be sold and the work begun.

No opposition to any of the steps is anticipated.

JANUARY 26, 1916.

FEBRUARY 8, 1916.

CARMICHAEL COLONY VOTE IS CANVASSED

The board of supervisors yesterday canvassed the returns of the recent election held for the purpose of creating the Carmichael irrigation district. Out of 48 votes cast, 45 favored the creation of the district, and three were opposed. The election was held on January 25, and the following named officers were elected: Directors, Fred T. Phelps, J. M. Jones, A. D. McDonnell; tax collector, F. E. Graves; treasurer, Gus E. Fetters.

"Why don't you farmers sell your surplus farm products direct to the consumer through the Want Columns?"—Dan Sayles.

AUGUST 2, 1916.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S ORGANIZATION VALID

Superior Judge Charles O. Busick has given an opinion in which he declares the organization of the Carmichael irrigation district to be valid. The decision also declares valid \$90,000 worth of bonds voted by the district. The Carmichael irrigation district is located near Fair Oaks and is the only irrigation district in Sacramento county.

The bonds of the district will now be placed on the market by the trustees of the district and bids will be received on August 23.

AUGUST 23, 1916.

IRRIGATION BONDS BRING HIGH PRICE

Carmichael District Securities Sold at Record Mark to Local Bidders.

The bonds of the Carmichael Irrigation district of 32,000 acres were sold yesterday to D. W. Carmichael and the Capital National bank on more favorable terms than any other irrigation district in California, according to the five experts who bid for the bonds at yesterday's sale. Carmichael purchased the first six series aggregating \$14,200 of the \$90,000 issue at par while the bank purchased \$43,400 at 97.17 and accrued interest. The balance was not sold.

J. Rupert Mason, president of J. P. Mason & Co., second largest bond house on the coast, declared yesterday that the sale proved conclusively that banks and institutions are learning to appreciate irrigation district bonds. "During the past year the south San Joaquin, the Anderson-Cottonwood district and the Lindsay-Strathmore district have sold bonds, but none brought as favorable a price as the bonds of the Carmichael district."

Work on the project will commence immediately. It was at first thought \$90,000 would be needed to complete the district, but it was found that because of the great amount of work already perfected by owners, \$57,600 would be ample. Every ten-acre tract in the district will be provided ample water for all irrigation purposes.

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