

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Central Valley Project, California

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY

1. THIS CONTRACT, made this 19th day of June  
1959, in pursuance generally of the act of Congress approved  
June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and all acts of Congress amendatory  
thereof or supplementary thereto, including the act of Congress  
approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 719), all of which are commonly  
known and referred to as the Federal reclamation laws, between THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the "United  
States," represented by the officer executing this contract, and  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California,  
duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws thereof, with its  
principal place of business in the town of Eureka, State of California,  
hereinafter referred to as the "County";

WITNESSETH, THAT:

EXPLANATORY RECITALS

2. WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation, of the United  
States Department of the Interior, has been duly authorized to  
construct and operate the Trinity River Division of the Central

Valley Project, which Division will include Trinity and Lewiston Dams and appurtenant works, for the purpose of the conservation of water resources, which dams are to be located respectively in the County of Trinity, State of California, on the Trinity River, at or about N. 34° 42' E., 2,308 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 15, T. 33 N., R. 8 W., M.D.B.&M., and at or about N. 73° 56' E., 3,777 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 8, T. 33 N., R. 8 W., M.D.B.&M., and which dams will affect flows of the Trinity River; and

3. WHEREAS, the County has appeared as an interested party at the hearing on the 29th day of December 1958, before the State Water Rights Board of the State of California with reference to the issuance of permits on Applications No. 5627, 5628, 15374, 15375, 15376, 16767, 16768, and 17374 for the appropriation of unappropriated water of the Trinity River, which have been filed by the United States; and

4. WHEREAS, Section 8 of the said Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, provides as follows:

"That nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting or intended to affect or to in any way interfere with the laws of any State or Territory relating to the control, appropriation, use, or distribution of water used in irrigation, or any vested right acquired thereunder and the Secretary of the Interior, in carrying out the provisions of this act, shall proceed in conformity with such laws, and nothing herein shall in any way affect any right of any State or of the Federal Government or of

any landowner, appropriator, or user of water in, to, or from any interstate stream or the waters thereof: Provided, That the right to the use of water acquired under the provisions of this act shall be appurtenant to the land irrigated and beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure, and the limit of the right."

and

5. WHEREAS, the said act of August 12, 1955, provides in Section 2 thereof in part as follows:

" . . . That not less than 50,000 acre-feet shall be released annually from the Trinity Reservoir and made available to Humboldt County and downstream water users."

and

6. WHEREAS, it is desired to establish by terms of this contract operating criteria the observance of which will not impair rights to the reasonable and beneficial use of water originating above Trinity Dam;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the provisions hereinabove set out and in compliance with the hereinabove quoted provisions of the said acts, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

7. The United States shall have the right to divert and store the waters of the Trinity River and its tributaries, and the right to use the water so stored for beneficial use for irrigation and other purposes and for the generation of electric energy in connection with the Central Valley Project.

8. The United States agrees to release sufficient water from Trinity and/or Lewiston Reservoirs into the Trinity River so that not less than an annual quantity of 50,000 acre-feet will be available for the beneficial use of Humboldt County and other downstream users.

9. Authorized representatives of the County shall have access at all reasonable times during office hours to records and computations pertaining to releases from said reservoirs and, upon reasonable request, shall be furnished copies of such records and computations.

EFFECT OF WAIVER OF BREACH

10. The waiver of a breach of any of the provisions of this contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other provisions hereof or of a subsequent breach of such provisions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERRUPTION

11. In the event the performance, in whole or in part, of the obligations of the respective parties under this contract is hindered, interrupted, or prevented by war, strikes, lockouts, fires, acts of God, or by other similar or different acts of civil or military authorities, or by any cause beyond the control of the respective parties hereto, whether similar to the causes herein specified or not, such obligations of the respective parties under this contract shall be suspended to the extent and for the time that performance thereof is prevented or affected by such hindrance.

interruption, or prevention, but due diligence shall be observed by the respective parties hereto, so far as lies in their power, in performing their respective obligations under this contract.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

12. No Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise herefrom, but this restriction shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation or company for its general benefit.

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BOUND

13. This contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, have duly executed these presents on the day and year first hereinabove written.

THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

By *R. A. ...*  
Regional Director, Region 2 -  
Bureau of Reclamation

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
County Clerk of the County of  
Humboldt

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

By *[Signature]*  
Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meetings of May 1, 1959

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTING CONTRACT BETWEEN  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLATION,  
AND THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

Upon the motion of Supervisor Pettersen, seconded by  
Supervisor Robertson, Sam B. Merryman, Jr., Chairman of this  
Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized and directed to sign a  
contract between the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau  
of Reclamation, and the County of Humboldt regarding the Trinity  
River Division of the Central Valley Project.

AYES: Supervisors— Lindley, Robertson, Pettersen, Merryman  
NOES: Supervisors— None  
ABSENT: Supervisors— Bareilles

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
County of Humboldt } ss.

I, FRED J. MOORE, JR., County Clerk of the County of Humboldt, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be full, true and correct copies of the original orders made in the above entitled matters by said Board of Supervisors, at a meeting held in Eureka, California, on May 1, 1959 and as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors this 4th

day of May, 1959

*Fred J. Moore, Jr.*  
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the