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[CHAPTER 1057]

AN ACT

September 27, 1950
[S. 3517]
[Public Law 848]

To authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Vermejo reclamation project, New Mexico.

Vermejo reclamation project, N. Mex.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purposes of irrigating approximately seven thousand two hundred acres of semiarid lands in Colfax County, New Mexico, controlling floods, and providing for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, as authorized by the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080), the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Vermejo reclamation project, and, in so doing, to acquire lands and interests in lands, to rehabilitate, repair, and replace, to the extent necessary, existing works of the Maxwell Irrigation Company, and to acquire, upon terms and conditions satisfactory to him, such assets of said company or any successor in interest as may be required or proper for carrying out the purposes of the project or for protecting the investment of the United States therein.

16 U. S. C. §§ 661-666c; Sup. III, § 661 *et seq.*

SEC. 2. The Vermejo reclamation project shall, except as is otherwise provided, be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) : *Provided*, That, of the cost of constructing the project, $2,010,080, or so much of said amount as is approved for allocation to irrigation, shall be repaid under a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary, at the maximum rate which, in his judgment, is consistent with the repayment ability of the contracting organization and over such period of years as, in his judgment, is consistent with the maximum repayment ability of the contracting organization.

43 U. S. C. § 372 *et seq.*
Repayment.

Approval of project report, etc.

SEC. 3. Construction of the Vermejo reclamation project shall not be commenced until the President shall have approved a project report and there shall have been established, pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, an organization with powers satisfactory to the Secretary, including the power to tax property, both real and personal, within its boundaries (which boundaries shall include the lands to be benefited by the project works) and the power to enter into a contract or contracts with the United States for payment or return, as the case may be, of the reimbursable costs of the project and such contract or contracts shall have been duly executed.

SEC. 4. The Secretary is authorized to enter into arrangements with appropriate Federal, State, or local agencies for the construction, operation, maintenance, administration, and management of the fish and wildlife facilities to be provided under the Vermejo reclamation project.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 1058]

AN ACT

September 27, 1950
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[Public Law 849]

To amend section 61 of the National Defense Act to permit the States to organize military forces, other than as parts of their National Guard units, to serve while the National Guard is in active Federal service.

National Defense Act, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 61