

Public Law 386

CHAPTER 872

AN ACT

August 12, 1955
[H. R. 4663]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Trinity River division, Central Valley project, California, under Federal reclamation laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the principal purpose of increasing the supply of water available for irrigation and other beneficial uses in the Central Valley of California, the Secretary of the Interior, acting pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain, as an addition to and an integral part of the Central Valley project, California, the Trinity River division consisting of a major storage reservoir on the Trinity River with a capacity of two million five hundred thousand acre-feet, a conveyance system consisting of tunnels, dams, and appurtenant works to transport Trinity River water to the Sacramento River and provide, by means of storage as necessary, such control and conservation of Clear Creek flows as the Secretary determines proper to carry out the purposes of this Act, hydroelectric powerplants with a total generating capacity of approximately two hundred thirty-three thousand kilowatts, and such electric transmission facilities as may be required to deliver the output of said powerplants to other facilities of the Central Valley project and to furnish energy in Trinity County: *Provided*, That the Secretary is authorized and directed to continue to a conclusion the engineering studies and negotiations with any non-Federal agency with respect to proposals to purchase falling water and, not later than eighteen months from the date of enactment of this Act, report the results of such negotiations, including the terms of a proposed agreement, if any, that may be reached, together with his recommendations thereon, which agreement, if any, shall not become effective until approved by Congress. The works authorized to be constructed shall also include a conduit or canal extending from the most practicable point on the Sacramento River near Redding in an easterly direction to intersect with Cow Creek, with such pumping plants, regulatory reservoirs, and other appurtenant works as may be necessary to bring about maximum beneficial use of project water supplies in the area.

SEC. 2. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the operation of the Trinity River division shall be integrated and coordinated, from both a financial and an operational standpoint, with the operation of other features of the Central Valley project, as presently authorized and as may in the future be authorized by Act of Congress, in such manner as will effectuate the fullest, most beneficial, and most economic utilization of the water resources hereby made available: *Provided*, That the Secretary is authorized and directed to adopt appropriate measures to insure the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of the flow of the Trinity River below the diversion point at not less than one hundred and fifty cubic feet per second for the months July through November and the flow of Clear Creek below the diversion point at not less than fifteen cubic feet per second unless the Secretary and the California Fish and Game Commission determine and agree that lesser flows would be adequate for maintenance of fish life and propagation thereof; the Secretary shall also allocate to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, as provided in the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080), an appropriate share of the

Central Valley
project, Calif.
Trinity River
division.

43 USC 371 note.

16 USC 661-666c.

costs of constructing the Trinity River development and of operating and maintaining the same, such costs to be non-reimbursable: *Provided further*, 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.

SEC. 3. The Secretary is authorized to investigate, plan, construct, operate, and maintain minimum basic facilities for access to, and for the maintenance of public health and safety and the protection of public property on, lands withdrawn or acquired for the development of the Trinity River division, to conserve the scenery and the natural, historic, and archeologic objects, and to provide for public use and enjoyment of the same and of the water areas created by these developments by such means as are consistent with their primary purposes. The Secretary is authorized to withdraw from entry or other disposition under the public land laws such public lands as are necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of said minimum basic facilities and for the other purposes specified in this section and to dispose of such lands to Federal, State, and local governmental agencies by lease, transfer, exchange, or conveyance upon such terms and conditions as will best promote their development and operation in the public interest. The Secretary is further authorized to investigate the need for acquiring other lands for said purposes and to report thereon to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, but no lands shall be acquired solely for any of these purposes other than access to project lands and the maintenance of public health and safety and the protection of public property thereon without further authorization by the Congress. All costs incurred pursuant to this section shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. Contracts for the sale and delivery of the additional electric energy available from the Central Valley project power system as a result of the construction of the plants herein authorized and their integration with that system shall be made in accordance with preferences expressed in the Federal reclamation laws: *Provided*, That a first preference, to the extent of 25 per centum of such additional energy, shall be given, under reclamation law, to preference customers in Trinity County, California, for use in that county, who are ready, able and willing, within twelve months after notice of availability by the Secretary, to enter into contracts for the energy: *Provided further*, That Trinity County preference customers may exercise their option on the same date in each successive fifth year providing written notice of their intention to use the energy is given to the Secretary not less than eighteen months prior to said date.

Payments to Trinity County, Calif.

SEC. 5. The Secretary is authorized to make payments, from construction appropriations, to Trinity County, California, of such additional costs of repairing, maintaining, and constructing county roads as are incurred by it during the period of actual construction of the Trinity River division and as are found by the Secretary to be properly attributable to and occasioned by said construction. The Secretary is further authorized and directed to pay to Trinity County annually an in-lieu tax payment out of the appropriations during construction and from the gross revenues of the project during operation an amount equal to the annual tax rate of the county applied to the value of the real property and improvements taken for project purposes in Trinity County, said value being determined as of the date such property and improvements are taken off the tax rolls. Payments to the public-school districts in the project area affected by construction activities shall be made pursuant to existing law.

Payments to public-school districts.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the Trinity River division \$225,000,000, plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the type of construction involved herein, and, in addition thereto, such sums as may be required to carry out the provisions of section 5 of this Act and to operate and maintain the said development.

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Appropriation.

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CHAPTER 873

AN ACT

To reemphasize trade development as the primary purpose of title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954.

August 12, 1955
[S. 2253]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That section 103 (b) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 is amended by striking out "\$700,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,500,000,000. This limitation shall not be apportioned by year or by country, but shall be considered as an objective as well as a limitation, to be reached as rapidly as possible so long as the purposes of this Act can be achieved within the safeguards established."

Agricultural
trade development.
68 Stat. 456.
7 USC 1703 (b).

SEC. 2. Section 106 of such Act is amended by adding the following: "The Secretary of Agriculture is also authorized to determine the nations with whom agreements shall be negotiated, and to determine the commodities and quantities thereof which may be included in the negotiations with each country after advising with other agencies of Government affected and within broad policies laid down by the President for implementing this Act."

68 Stat. 457.
7 USC 1706.

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CHAPTER 874

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to make temporary provision for making payments in lieu of taxes with respect to certain real property transferred by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its subsidiaries to other Government departments.

August 12, 1955
[H. R. 6182]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the table of contents contained in the first section of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 is hereby amended by inserting immediately below "Sec. 605. Effective date." the following:

Federal property
transferred from
RFC.
63 Stat. 377; 64
Stat. 583.
40 USC 471 note.

"TITLE VII—PROPERTY TRANSFERRED FROM THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

"Sec. 701. Declaration of Policy.

"Sec. 702. Definitions.

"Sec. 703. Property transferred by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

"Sec. 704. Limitations.

"Sec. 705. Effective date."