

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Report of Meeting of Committee for Recodification of Irrigation
District Laws.

Meeting of the Committee was held at the office of Fred Cunningham 1210 Old National Bank Building, Spokane, on July 2, 1948. Present were Fred Cunningham, Charles L. Powell and J. K. Cheadle.

Those present had examined the report of the Code Revision and Compilation Committee of the State of Washington pertaining to irrigation districts, being Title 87 of the proposed Revised Code. It appears from the report of that committee that further study will be necessary as some changes made may affect existing contracts and obligations. Federal projects in a number of instances will be affected by any change in the existing law and it is advisable that the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and its legal department be consulted extensively before any changes are recommended.

To recodify the irrigation district laws and make them applicable to each situation locally would require a conference with irrigation district officials throughout the entire state, would consume considerable time of a competent attorney who had experience in the application of the irrigation district laws over a period of years. Such work would require the expenditure of funds not now available and would be too much of a burden upon any one who would donate time without compensation.

This committee therefore recommends to this Association that a bill be drafted for presentation to the next Legislature to provide some means of financing the work of recodification of the irrigation district laws of the State of Washington and that the bill provide that the work be supervised by this committee or by some state agency which the association would select and which would assume the responsibility. The bill should further provide an appropriation of approximately \$25,000.00.

The committee further recommends to this association that an additional committee be appointed to secure the cooperation of other existing agencies and associations in presenting the proposed bill before the State Legislature.

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