

With the belief that there is a community of interest between the States of California, Oregon and Washington in the control, development and protection of irrigation waters within those states, it is suggested that a voluntary, cooperative organization be formed to serve the interests of those who are dependent upon irrigation for their livelihood.

Such an organization might well be called the "Pacific Coast Irrigation Council".

It is suggested that the membership of this Council be made up of five representatives from each of the three Pacific Coast states, as follows:

The Presidents and Secretaries, ex-officio, of each state irrigation district association.

Three additional members to be selected by the membership of each state irrigation district association. (Limited to irrigation farmers, irrigation district officials, and officials of the state irrigation district associations.)

In addition to the above voting membership, the five members from each state, if they wish, may select not to exceed five non-voting advisory members.

It is suggested that this Council meet not less than twice a year to formulate policies pertaining to water resources of the Pacific Coast states - one meeting in the fall prior to the N.R.A. convention, and the other in the early spring.

Some of the matters which we believe might well be considered by such a Council are as follows:

1. In what manner do we want our water resources developed?
2. Should we be concerned with the present socialistic trend of Federal development of natural resources?
3. What is the proper relationship between Federal power development and irrigation development?
4. What yardstick should determine the feasibility of any new irrigation project?
5. How can we obtain accurate, unbiased, general information covering the entire field of irrigation farming, irrigation development, and food requirements?
6. Is it possible to create a uniform repayment policy for irrigation development?
7. Who owns the waters within a state?

This brief outline is respectfully submitted as suggested matter of business at the Tri-State Water Council in Portland on May 20, 1952.

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