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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

March 13, 1956

TO THE RECIPIENT OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE:

The accompanying copy of Yakima Project Public Notice No. 1 is sent to you in connection with the opening to homestead entry of 1,658.2 acres of irrigable public land, comprising 17 farm units on the Kennewick Division of the Yakima Project in south-central Washington.

This public notice has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 4 of the Reclamation Act of 1902 (32 Stat. 388) and supplementary acts thereto. There are also enclosed an Application for Farm Unit (Form 7-511) and a fact sheet of information.

If you should intend to make application, you should read carefully the information on the reverse side of this letter and the attached public notice. Your success in applying may depend on filling out your application blank completely and correctly.

An application to enter one of the farm units described in this public notice must be in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, by 2:00 p.m., June 11, 1956, if it is to be treated as filed simultaneously with other applications received up to that time. Applications received after that time will be considered only in the event that qualified applicants who file before that time do not enter all the farm units opened to homestead entry by this notice.

Commissioner

Attachments

UNITED STATES
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Kennewick Division, Yakima Project, Washington

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS

LOCATION

The farm units opened for homestead entry by Yakima Project Public Notice No. 1 are in the Kennewick Division, located within Benton County in south-central Washington. The irrigable lands of the Division are within the Kennewick Irrigation District. The farm units subject to homesteading are scattered throughout the Kennewick Division, which consists of a narrow strip of land 32 miles long and from 1/4 to 4 miles wide. Largely included in the Division on the south bank of the Columbia River is the town of Kennewick (1950 population, 10,106); across the river on the Columbia's north bank is the town of Pasco (1950 population, 10,228); and Richland (1950 population, 21,809) is located between the Yakima and Columbia Rivers only a few miles north of the Division. In the north-central part of the Division lies an area known as the Kennewick Highlands, which has been irrigated since 1909 by pumping from the Columbia Irrigation District canal. Rehabilitated by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1930, the Kennewick Highlands includes about 4,600 irrigable acres. There are 14,500 acres of new lands within the District that will receive water.

FILING APPLICATIONS

A Farm Application Blank completely and accurately filled out should be mailed or delivered to the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington. Applications received before the closing date for simultaneous filing will be considered as having been filed at the same time. Those who file applications after that time will have far less chance of selecting a farm unit than those who file before. PROOF OF VETERANS STATUS SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL REQUESTED. Only those who obtain low priority numbers in the public drawing to be held in conjunction with this land opening will be required to submit veterans proof and other corroborating evidence.

SETTLER ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance is available to settlers in clearing and leveling land, constructing irrigation systems, developing domestic water supplies, cropping practices, and farm building construction. Applicants awarded farm units will be further advised on the source of these services.

SOILS

Soils of the Kennewick Division are generally high-quality, light-textured, easily-workable, and well-drained. They are light-colored, grayish-brown soils developed under sagebrush vegetation and arid climatic conditions. Approximately 60 percent of the lands on the project are designated as class 1 or class 2, meaning they are excellent to good, respectively.

They are fertile, well-adapted to a wide variety of crops and have topography favorable to surface and sprinkler irrigation farming. The remaining land is class 3, fair soils; class 4F, good soils but located on steep slopes and thus suited only to specific crops such as orchard fruit; 4P, best adapted to shallow-rooted crops such as pasture; and 4H, suited to suburban homesites. The low saline and alkali salt content of all the soils and the irrigation water supply of good quality, combined with excellent subsurface drainage conditions, indicate no significant problems will develop from salt accumulations.

CLIMATE

The climate of the area in which the division lies is semi-arid, lying in the rain shadow of the Cascade mountains. Precipitation, especially during the growing season, is very low. The annual average is 7.1 inches while rainfall during the growing season (April to October, inclusive), averages only 2.6 inches. Subzero temperatures are rare with the average daily winter maximums and minimums being about 40 to 25 degrees. Summer minimums average 55 to 60 degrees and sunshine prevails about 90 percent of the daylight hours during the summer with daily maximum temperatures averaging about 90 degrees. The growing season, or the period during which the more hardy agricultural crops will grow, is variable but averages about 240 days a year, extending from mid-March to mid-October.

CROPS

Specialty, high-income crops, such as asparagus, grapes, mint, and tree fruits are expected to provide the bulk of the normal farm income. Greater reliance on general crops, such as alfalfa hay and irrigated pasture, is expected on some lands where soils, frost danger, and other conditions are not so favorable for specialty crops. Where topography is favorable, lands will probably be given to production of field crops, such as beans, potatoes, and beets. Dairying is expected to be an important activity in portions of the Division.

IMPROVEMENTS

All of the land included in this public notice is undeveloped, covered with native grasses and sagebrush.

WATER REQUIREMENTS

Farm delivery will average 3.5 acre-feet of irrigation water per irrigable acre. A study has indicated this to be the average requirement for lands in the Division.

DOMESTIC WATER

Obtaining a domestic water supply will be a responsibility of the individual settler or group of settlers. Good potable water can be obtained at depths ranging from 150 to 350 feet. It is estimated that the cost of a domestic water system, including pump and well, will approximate \$1000 to \$2500.

COST OF DEVELOPING FARM UNITS

Land of the Division, now covered with sagebrush, will require clearing and at least some light leveling or floating, depending on the tract involved. The cost of leveling or floating and constructing farm ditches and structures is estimated to range from about \$25 to \$100 an acre, depending on physical characteristics. The largest expense in improving the farm will be the outlay for farm dwellings, domestic water systems, and farm machinery. It is estimated that cost of the farm dwelling--the major expense--will approximate \$7,000; cost of installing a domestic water system will average about \$2,000; other buildings and improvements, \$1,000 to \$4,000; and farm machinery, \$3,400 to \$5,300. All costs, however, will vary considerably depending on the size and type of farm and its machinery requirements, the livestock enterprises to be engaged in, the number of farmsteads which will use the same well, and so forth.

In addition to the cost of land development, there will be need for capital to meet current farm operating and family living expenses during the early years of development when farm receipts may be low. An additional major expense is involved in permanent plantings of grapes, tree fruits and similar crops which do not produce returns for the first few years after planting.

SCHOOLS, ELECTRICITY, AND TELEPHONES

Roads, new schools, or transportation of pupils to presently established schools will be provided by county and state authorities, as the need arises. Telephone, electric, and mail delivery services will undoubtedly be made available early in the development years, as studies are presently in progress to supply these facilities.

TRANSPORTATION AND MARKETS

The Kennewick-Pasco area is a key terminal of a network of railroads and highways providing excellent freight and passenger service in to and out of the area. No part of the Kennewick Division lies more than a few miles from a railroad loading point. New lands development in the area has a favorable marketing outlook. The area is well served by established marketing and processing industry, with a number of important business firms handling farm commodities.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Most entrymen find it necessary, while developing their farm units, to supplement their present assets with funds borrowed from the Farmers Home Administration, Production Credit Association, local banks, farm machinery dealers, and others.

Settlers should recognize that to obtain such financial assistance the individual must be capable of establishing a satisfactory credit rating under terms and conditions governed entirely by the administrative policy of the lending agency or institution involved.

Nov. 1953

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
APPLICATION FOR FARM UNIT

DO NOT FILL IN

Application Number

YAKIMA PROJECT (Kennewick Division)

Date of Application

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 1, FEBRUARY 28, 1956

(Print or type full name)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Veteran's Preference

(as set forth in Sec. 3 of Public Notice)

☐ I claim Veteran's preference.☐ I do not claim Veteran's preference.

Street, Route or Box No.

City

Zone

State

I hereby submit this application for inclusion in the public drawing for one of the farm units described in the above-named notice.

I certify that I have read the Public Notice, that I am familiar with the qualifications required of applicants, and that I can meet all these requirements.

I agree to comply with the terms of this Public Notice and, if my name is drawn as set forth in the Notice, I will submit such additional information and corroborating evidence as may be requested by the Examining Board.

Date Signed

Signature of Applicant

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Bureau of Reclamation

212 West First Avenue

Kennewick, Washington

[Enclosure: 13 Mar 56]

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Public Notice No. 1

February 28, 1956

YAKIMA IRRIGATION PROJECT, WASHINGTON
KENNEWICK DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCING AVAILABILITY OF WATER FOR PUBLIC LANDS
AND OPENING OF PUBLIC LANDS TO ENTRY

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LANDS COVERED

Section 1. Lands for which water will be available.--Water will be available for the irrigation season of 1958 and thereafter and for the irrigation season of 1957, insofar as completion of construction will permit, for certain irrigable lands on the Kennewick Division of the Yakima Project, as shown on approved farm unit plats on file in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, and in the Washington Land Office, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane, Washington.

Applications may be made in accordance with this notice, beginning at 2:00 p.m., March 13, 1956, for a certificate of qualification which will entitle the holder to file an application for entry on the public lands shown on the plats. In order to permit the continued orderly development and settlement of project lands, this public notice is issued irrespective of there being pending applications for exchange pursuant to the Act of August 13, 1953 (67 Stat. 566), and regulations for the administration thereof.

The lands to which this notice pertains are described as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Washington

PUBLIC LAND:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Farm Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Irrigable Acres</u>
<u>Township 9 North, Range 27 East</u>			
34	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	107.0
<u>Township 8 North, Range 28 East</u>			
2	A	Lot 1, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	90.8
12	A	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	134.4
<u>Township 9 North, Range 28 East</u>			
18	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	104.9
22	A	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	92.1
<u>Township 8 North, Range 29 East</u>			
8	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	82.5
	B	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	108.3
	C	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	84.0
10	A	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	77.0
	B	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	76.3
	C	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	70.7

<u>Section</u>	<u>Farm Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Irrigable Acres</u>
<u>Township 8 North, Range 29 East (Contd.)</u>			
14	B	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	105.6
24	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	127.4
	B	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	107.8
<u>Township 7 North, Range 30 East</u>			
12	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	117.4
<u>Township 8 North, Range 30 East</u>			
30	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 1	100.5
<u>Township 7 North, Range 31 East</u>			
6	A	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	71.5
<u>DESERT ENTRY: Not subject to entry</u>			
<u>Township 8 North, Range 29 East</u>			
6	A	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (Portion of Desert Entry Walla Walla 0637)	56.2
14	A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (Desert Entry Spokane 013282)	149.7

Section 2. Limit of acreage for which entry may be made or water secured.--The public lands covered by this notice have been divided into farm units. Each of the farm units represents the acreage which, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, may reasonably be required for the support of a family upon such land. The areas in the different units are fixed at the amounts shown upon the farm unit plats referred to in Section 1 of this notice. The maximum acreage of land in private ownership for which application for delivery of water may be made is 160 acres of irrigable land for each landowner.

Section 3. Nature of preference.--Except for a prior preference given applicants for exchange of farm units under the provisions of the Act of August 13, 1953 (67 Stat. 566), who are hereinafter called "exchange applicants," a preference right shall be given to applications which are made by certain veterans (and in some cases by their wives, husbands, or guardians of minor children) and which are filed within 90 days after the opening of the lands. The five classes of persons who are entitled to this veterans preference are set forth in Section 4 of this notice.

Therefore, except for those received from qualified exchange applicants, which shall be given prior preference, applications for farm units on public lands covered by this notice which are made by persons coming within one of the five classes listed in Section 4 of this notice will be given first consideration if submitted before 2:00 p.m., June 11, 1956.

In order to be eligible to receive farm units, all applicants, other than qualified exchange applicants, whether or not entitled to veterans preference, must possess the necessary qualifications as to industry, experience, character, capital, and physical fitness (see Section 7 of this notice) and (except for duly appointed guardians) must be qualified to make entry under the homestead laws.

Section 4. Persons entitled to veterans preference.--The classes of persons who are entitled to the veterans preference described in Section 3 of this notice are as follows:

(a) Persons, including those under 21 years of age, who have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States for a period of at least 90 days at any time between September 16, 1940, and the official termination of the Korean conflict, and have been honorably discharged.

(b) Persons, including those under 21 years of age, who have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard during the period described in Subsection (a) of this section, regardless of length of service, and who have been discharged on account of

wounds received or disability incurred during such period in the line of duty, or, subsequent to a regular discharge, have been furnished hospitalization or awarded compensation by the Government on account of such wounds or disability.

(c) The spouse of any person in either of the first two classes listed in this section, if the spouse has the consent of such person to exercise his or her preference right. (See Section 8 of this notice regarding provisions that a married woman must be head of a family.)

(d) The surviving spouse of any person in either of the first two classes listed in this section, or in the case of the death or marriage of such spouse, the minor child or children of such person, by a guardian duly appointed and officially accredited at the Department of the Interior.

(e) The surviving spouse of any person whose death has resulted from wounds received or disability incurred in line of duty while serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard during the period described in Subsection (a) of this section, or in the case of the death or marriage of such spouse, the minor child or children of such person, by a guardian duly appointed and officially accredited at the Department of the Interior.

Section 5. Definition of honorable discharge.--An honorable discharge means:

(a) Separation from the service by means of an honorable discharge or by the acceptance of resignation or a discharge under honorable conditions.

(b) Release from active duty under honorable conditions to an inactive status, whether or not in a reserve component, or retirement.

Any person who obtains an honorable discharge as herein defined shall be entitled to veterans preference even though such person thereafter resumes active military duty.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE RECLAMATION AND HOMESTEAD LAWS

Section 6. Examining Board.--An examining board of 3 members, including the Construction Engineer, Kennewick Division, Yakima Project, who will act as secretary of the board, has been approved by the Commissioner of Reclamation to determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants to undertake the development and operation of a farm on the Yakima Project. The board will make careful investigations to verify the statements made by applicants. Any false statement may constitute grounds for rejection of an application, cancellation of award, or cancellation of an entry.

Section 7. Minimum qualifications.--This section sets forth the minimum qualifications which are necessary to give reasonable assurance of success of an entryman or entrywoman on a Reclamation farm unit. Applicants, unless qualified exchange applicants, must, in the judgment of the examining board, meet these qualifications in order to be considered for entry. Failure to meet them in any single respect will be sufficient cause for rejection of an application. No credit will be given for qualifications in excess of the required minimum.

The minimum qualifications are as follows:

(a) Character and industry.--An applicant must be possessed of honesty, temperate habits, thrift, industry, seriousness of purpose, record of good moral conduct, and a bona fide intent to engage in farming as an occupation.

(b) Farm experience.--Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an applicant must have had a minimum of two years' (24 months) full-time farm experience, which shall consist of participation in actual farming operations, after attaining the age of 15 years. Time spent in agricultural courses in an accredited agricultural college or time spent in work closely associated with farming, such as teaching vocational agriculture, agricultural extension work, or field work in the production or marketing of farm products, which, in the opinion of the board, will be of value to an applicant in operating a farm, may be substituted for full-time farm experience. Such substitution shall be on the basis of one year (academic year of at least nine months) of agricultural college courses or one year (twelve months) of work closely associated with farming for six months of full-time farm experience. Not more than one year of full-time farm experience of this type will be allowed. A farm youth who actually resided and worked on a farm after attaining the age of 15 and while attending school may credit such experience as full-time experience.

Applicants who have acquired their experience on an irrigated farm will not be given preference over those whose experience was acquired on a non-irrigated farm, but all applicants must have had farm experience of such a nature as, in the judgment of the examining board, will qualify the applicants to undertake the development and operation of an irrigated farm by modern methods.

(c) Health.--An applicant must be in such physical condition as will enable him to engage in normal farm labor.

(d) Capital.--An applicant must possess assets worth at least \$4,500 in excess of liabilities. Assets must consist of cash, property or assets readily convertible into cash, or assets such as livestock, farm machinery, and equipment, which, in the opinion of the board, will be useful in the development and operation of a new, irrigated farm. In considering the practical value of property which will be useful in the development of a farm, the board will not value a passenger car at more than \$500. No value will be allowed for household goods. An applicant may be required to furnish a certified financial statement showing all of his assets and all of his liabilities. (See Section 15 of this notice.) Assets not useful in the development of a farm will be considered if the applicant furnishes, at the board's request, evidence of the value of the property and proof of its conversion into useful form before the issuance of a certificate of qualification.

Section 8. Other qualifications required.--Except for qualified exchange applicants, all applicants (except guardians) must meet the requirements of the homestead laws. The homestead laws require that an entryman or entrywoman:

(a) Must be a citizen of the United States or have declared an intention to become a citizen of the United States.

(b) Must not have exhausted the right to make homestead entry on public land.

(c) Must not own more than 160 acres of land in the United States.

(d) Must, if a married woman, or a person under 21 years of age who is not eligible for veterans preference, be the head of a family. The head of a family is ordinarily the husband, but a wife or a minor child who is obliged to assume major responsibility for the support of a family may be the head of a family. Complete information concerning qualifications for homesteading may be obtained from the Washington Land Office of the Bureau of Land Management at Spokane, Washington, or from the Director of that Bureau, Washington 25, D. C.

Section 9. Restriction on ownership of project lands.--Applicants, other than qualified exchange applicants, for certificates of qualification must not hold or own, within any Federal Reclamation project, irrigable land for which construction charges payable to the United States have not been fully paid, except that this restriction does not apply to small tracts used exclusively for residential purposes.

Prior to the issuance of a certificate of qualification and not later than the time of the personal interview, an applicant who owns lands in a Federal Reclamation project must furnish satisfactory evidence that the total construction charges allocated against the land owned by the applicant have been paid in full.

WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY FOR A FARM UNIT

Section 10. Application blanks.--Any person desiring to enter any of the public land farm units described in this notice must fill out the attached application blank. Additional application blanks may be obtained from the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington; the Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Boise, Idaho; or the Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, Washington, 25, D. C.

Section 11. The filing of application.--An application for a certificate of qualification for a farm unit listed in this notice must be filed with the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, in person or by mail. No advantage will accrue to an applicant who presents an application in person.

Section 12. Applications become Department records.--Each application submitted, including evidence of qualification to be submitted following the public drawing, will become a part of the records of the Department of the Interior and cannot be returned to the applicant. For this reason, original discharge or citizenship papers should not be submitted. In case an applicant is awarded a farm, the copy of his discharge papers will be attached to his certificate of qualification (see Section 19 of this notice) for submission to the Bureau of Land Management.

SELECTION OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Section 13. Priority of applications.--All applications, including those filed by exchange applicants, must be received prior to 2:00 p.m., June 11, 1956. All applications, except those received from exchange applicants, will be classified for priority purposes and considered in the following order:

(a) First Priority Group.--All complete applications filed prior to 2:00 p.m., June 11, 1956, by applicants who claim veterans preference. All such applications will be treated as simultaneously filed.

(b) Second Priority Group.--All complete applications filed prior to 2:00 p.m., June 11, 1956, by applicants who do not claim veterans preference. All such applications will be treated as simultaneously filed.

(c) Third Group.--All complete applications filed after 2:00 p.m., June 11, 1956. Such applications will be considered in the order in which they are filed if any farm units are available for award to applicants within this group.

Section 14. Public drawing.--After the priority classification, the board will conduct a public drawing of the names of the applicants in the First Priority Group as defined in Subsection 13(a) of this notice. Applicants need not be present at the drawing in order to participate therein. The names of a sufficient number of applicants (not less than four times the number of farm units to be awarded) shall be drawn and numbered in the order drawn for the purpose of establishing the order in which the applications drawn will be examined by the board to determine whether the applicants meet the minimum qualifications prescribed in this notice, and to establish the priority of qualified applicants for the selection of farm units. After such drawing, the board shall notify each applicant of his respective standing as a result of the drawing.

Section 15. Submission of evidence of qualification.--After the drawing a sufficient number of applicants, in the order of their priority as established in the drawing, will be supplied with forms on which to submit evidence of qualification showing that they meet the qualifications set forth in Sections 7 and 8 of this public notice and, in case veterans preference is claimed, establishing proof of such preference, as set forth in Section 4 of this public notice. Full and accurate answers must be made to all questions. The completed form, together with any attachments required, must be mailed or delivered to the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, within 30 days of the date the form is mailed to the last known address furnished by the applicant. Failure of an applicant to furnish all of the information requested or to see that information is furnished by his references within the period specified will subject his application to rejection.

Section 16. Final examination.--After the information requested as outlined in Section 15 of this notice has been received or the time for submitting such statements has expired, the board shall examine in the order drawn a sufficient number of applications, together with the evidence of qualification submitted, to determine the applicants to whom certificates of qualification will be issued. This examination will determine the sufficiency, authenticity, and reliability of the information and evidence submitted by the applicants. If the examination indicates that an applicant is qualified, the applicant may be required to appear for a personal interview with the board for the purpose of: (a) affording the board any additional information it may desire relative to his qualifications; (b) affording the applicant any information desired relative to conditions in the area and the problems and obligations relative to development of a farm unit; and (c) affording the applicant an opportunity to examine the farm units. If the applicant fails to appear before the board for a personal interview when requested, he shall thereby forfeit his priority as established by the drawing.

If the board finds that an applicant's qualifications fulfill the requirements prescribed in this notice, such applicant shall be notified, in person or by certified mail, that he is a qualified applicant and shall be given an opportunity to select one of the farm units then available. A certificate of qualification will not be issued to an applicant who owns more than 160 acres of land in the United States. Therefore, an applicant may be required by the examining board, prior to the issuance of a certificate of qualification, to submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he does not own more than 160 acres.

If the applicant fails to supply any of the information required or the board finds that the applicant's qualifications do not meet the requirements prescribed in this notice, the applicant shall be disqualified and shall be notified by the board, by certified mail, of such disqualification and the reasons therefor and of the right to appeal to the Regional Director, Region 1, Bureau of Reclamation. All appeals must be received in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, within 15 days of the applicant's receipt of such notice, or in any event, within 30 days from the date the notice is mailed to the last address furnished by the applicant. The office of the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, will forward the appeals promptly to the Regional Director. The Regional Director's decision on all appeals shall be final.

SELECTION OF FARM UNITS

Section 17. Order of selection.--The applicants who have been notified of their qualification for the award of a farm unit will successively exercise the right to select a farm unit in accordance with the priority established by the drawing. If a farm unit becomes available through failure of a qualified applicant to exercise his

right of selection or failure to complete his entry filing with the Bureau of Land Management, it will be offered to the next qualified applicant who has not made a selection at the time the unit is again available. An applicant who is considered to be disqualified as a result of the personal interview will be permitted to exercise his right to select, notwithstanding his disqualification, unless he voluntarily surrenders this right in writing. If, on appeal, the action of the board in disqualifying an applicant as a result of the personal interview is reversed by the Regional Director, the applicant's selection shall be effective, but if such action of the board is upheld by the Regional Director, the farm unit selected by this applicant will become available for selection by qualified applicants who have not exercised their right to select.

If any of the farm units listed in this notice remain unselected after all qualified applicants whose names were selected in the drawing have had an opportunity to select a farm unit, and if additional applicants remain in the First Priority Group, the board will follow the same procedure outlined in Section 14 of this notice in the selection of additional applicants from this group.

If any of the farm units remain unselected after all qualified applicants in the First Priority Group have had an opportunity to select a farm unit, the board will follow the same procedure to select applicants from the Second Priority Group, and they will be permitted to exercise their right to select a farm unit in the manner prescribed for the qualified applicants from the First Priority Group.

Any farm units remaining unselected after all qualified applicants in the Second Priority Group have had an opportunity to select a farm unit will be offered to applicants in the Third Group in the order in which their applications were filed, subject to the determination of the board, made in accordance with the procedure prescribed herein, that such applicants meet the minimum qualifications prescribed in this notice.

In the event, however, that a farm unit remains unentered at the expiration of two years following the date of the notice, unless the unit is withdrawn from the notice, new applications will be accepted in respect to the unit, and it shall be awarded to the first applicant who files an application after the expiration of the two-year period and who meets the qualifications prescribed by the notice, without regard to veterans preference.

Section 18. Failure to select.--If any applicant, except a qualified exchange applicant, refuses to select a farm unit or fails to do so within the time specified by the board, such applicant shall forfeit his position in his priority group and his name shall be placed last in that group.

Section 19. Payment of charges and filing homestead applications.--After each qualified applicant has advised the board of his selection of a farm unit, he shall be notified by the board of the annual construction, water rental, or other charges and shall be furnished with copies of the contracts to be executed by him as required by Subsection 20(d) of this notice. Receipts showing payment to the Kennewick Irrigation District of the required charges for water and executed recordable contracts must be received in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, 212 West First Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, within 15 days of the receipt by the applicant of such notice and contracts. Upon receipt of evidence of such payment and of the contracts fully executed before the expiration of said 15-day period, the board shall furnish each applicant, by certified mail or by delivery in person, a certificate of qualification stating that the applicant's qualifications to enter public lands have been examined and approved by the board. Such certificate must be attached by the applicant to the homestead application, which application must be filed in the Washington Land Office, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane, Washington. Such homestead application must be filed within 15 days from the date of the receipt by the applicant of such certificate. Failure to pay annual water rental, or other charges, to execute the required contracts, or to make application for homestead entry within the period specified herein will render the application subject to rejection.

Section 20. Irrigation Charges.--

(a) Water rental charges.--During the irrigation season of 1957, while some construction activities will be continuing and the system is being tested, it is expected that water will be available on a temporary water rental basis to those desiring it. The terms of payment, which will be at a fixed rate per acre-foot of water used, will be announced by the Regional Director before the beginning of the irrigation season.

(b) Development period charges.--The lands covered by this notice are included in the Kennewick Irrigation District and are subject to the provisions of the Repayment Contract of July 22, 1953, between that district and the United States, copies of which are available for inspection in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, Kennewick, Washington. Pursuant to the provisions of said repayment contract, the development period is hereby fixed for the lands described in Section 1 hereof, as ten (10) years commencing January 1, 1958. During the development period thus established, payment of construction charge installments will not be required.

It is proposed that responsibility for operation and maintenance of the irrigation distribution system will be transferred to the Irrigation District beginning January 1, 1958, coincident with the beginning of the development period. Development period charges to cover the District's obligation to the United States

for operation and maintenance of reserved works (storage, diversion, and main pumping system) and the District's cost for operation, maintenance, and accumulation of the reserve fund will be announced by the District and assessed and collected under prevailing procedures. The development period water charges thus established will average an estimated \$6.00 per year for each irrigable acre.

(c) Construction repayment period charges.--After the end of the development period, water users will be required to pay in accordance with the terms of the repayment contract an annual charge for each irrigable acre to meet the operation and maintenance costs and to repay to the United States that portion of the cost of construction of the Kennewick Division, which is assigned for repayment by the water users. Assessment procedures and collection of the charges will be left to the Irrigation District's board of directors. The repayment contract provides for such payment over a 56-year period following the end of the development period, and provides that such construction charge annual installments shall be adjusted on the basis of annual crop values. It is now estimated that the average annual construction charge will be \$4.50 per irrigable acre. This sum represents an estimated total construction charge of \$250 per irrigable acre. These estimates, as they relate to any specific farm unit, will depend upon the relative productivity of the land contained in the farm unit.

(d) Recordable contracts required.--Applicants for entry of public land and Desert Land entrymen will be required, as a condition precedent to the issuance of a certificate of qualification, to execute and deliver a recordable contract which is intended to discourage the sale of land while it is in a development stage at prices in excess of its fair market value and to discourage speculation in such lands. Under present policies such contracts will remain in effect until the end of the fifth year after the commencement of payment of construction charges on the lands involved. As a basis for operation of such contracts, all the lands of the Division will be appraised at their fair market value without regard to increments by reason of the prospect of obtaining water, and the contracts will provide that, in the event lands are sold at prices in excess of their appraised values, as these are revised from time to time, a portion of the excess shall be applied in advance payment of construction charges against the land.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 21. Warning against unlawful settlement.--No person shall be permitted to gain or exercise any right under any settlement or occupation of any of the public lands covered by this notice except under the terms and conditions prescribed by this notice.

Section 22. Reservation of rights of way for public roads.--Rights of way along section lines and other lines shown in red on the farm unit plats described in Section 1 of this notice are reserved for county, State, and Federal highways and access roads to the farm units shown on said farm unit plats.

Section 23. Reservation of rights of way for utilities.--Rights of way are reserved for Government-owned telephone, electric transmission, water and sewer lines, and water treating and pumping plants, as now constructed, and the Secretary of the Interior reserves the right to locate such other Government-owned facilities over and across the farm units above-described as hereafter, in his opinion, may be necessary for the proper construction, operation and maintenance of the said project. Existing rights of way granted by the United States are also reserved.

Section 24. Waiver of mineral rights.--All homestead entries for the above-described farm units will be subject to the laws of the United States governing mineral land, and all homestead applicants under this notice must waive the right to the mineral content of the land, if required to do so by the Bureau of Land Management; otherwise, the homestead applications will be rejected or the homestead entry or entries cancelled.

Section 25. Effect of relinquishment or cancellation.--In the event that any entry of public land made hereunder shall be relinquished by the entryman or cancelled for any cause, other than by contest, the farm unit affected by such relinquishment or cancellation shall be disposed of as follows:

(a) If the entry is relinquished or cancelled within two years after the date of the notice, such unit shall be offered without delay to the qualified applicant next in order of priority as established in the drawing who will be treated as a standing applicant therefor under this notice. Such applicant shall be required to furnish such additional information as may be necessary to satisfy the board that he is still qualified under the terms of the notice. In the event that an award cannot be made to a qualified applicant, the unit shall be offered as prescribed in Subsection (b) below.

(b) If an entry is relinquished or cancelled at any time after the expiration of 2 years following the date of the notice, unless the unit is withdrawn from the notice, new applications will be accepted in respect to the unit and it shall be awarded to the first applicant who files an application after the effective date of the relinquishment or cancellation and who meets the qualifications prescribed by the notice without regard to veterans preference.

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