

Subject: Maintenance of Sublaterals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

Sunnyside, Wash., March 17, 1913

TO THE WATER USERS OF THE TIETON:

Your attention is directed to the regulations established by the Secretary of the Interior governing the operation and maintenance of irrigation works for projects in the State of Washington, copy of which can be secured by application to the Tieton Headquarters, or to Mr. Cunningham, Federal Building, North Yakima, Washington. The first paragraph of these regulations states that

"All canals, laterals and sublaterals of less than ten (10) second-feet capacity as designated by the Reclamation Service, shall be operated and maintained and the cost of their operation and maintenance paid by the water users directly, but the Reclamation Service will exercise general supervision over all operations."

In paragraph eight, on page 13 of this pamphlet is the further regulation that

"Before water will be delivered in any year, the laterals, sublaterals and other conduits through which water is to be conducted to the land, must be in serviceable condition."

Further provision is made on page 29 of this pamphlet for inspection of these small laterals by proper officials of the Reclamation Service, to see that they are in proper condition for conveying water, and providing

that water delivery will not be made when the laterals are improperly maintained.

It is our intention to make delivery of water at an earlier date than usual this year for the reasons set forth in the enclosed letter, but this can not, of course, be done unless the various laterals are in condition to carry the water without undue risk or waste. The patrolman on your lateral will, on request, designate the point beyond which it must be maintained by the water users, and the work necessary to place it in proper condition. This maintenance may be done by voluntary cooperation where there are several water users on a lateral, or a Canal Division or District may be formed under the by-laws of the Water Users' Association, whereby the work will be done and the costs assessed equitably against the different lands benefitted. Please make it your business to see that the lateral serving your land is in proper condition to receive water not later than April 20th.

Very respectfully,

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Approved:

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