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THE FOLLOWING ARE RESOLUTIONS TO BE PROPOSED TO THE ORGANIZATION
MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON STATE RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION AT YAKIMA, NOVEMBER 9 & 10

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RESOLVED: That this Association go on record as supporting the principle of preserving States Rights contained in the O'Mahoney proposed amendments to the Federal Flood Control Act of 1944.

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RESOLVED: That individual farmers, cooperative organizations, dairy associations, Washington State Grange, Washington State Farm Bureau and other agricultural interests be strongly urged to become members of this Association, and that representatives of these organizations attend and become active in its program, because the specific accomplishments will be of direct benefit primarily to the agricultural interest of the State of Washington.

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RESOLVED: That this Association strongly urge the starting of construction on projects of the Bureau of Reclamation in the State of Washington as soon as possible after ceasing of hostilities. Some projects that are partially complete and others upon which much of the engineering is done will make postwar projects especially needed in the transition era.

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RESOLVED: That this Association cooperate with the Northwest States Development Association, composed of the Governors of the States of Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Washington. *The* ~~This~~ policy of the organization is to foster and encourage the carrying on of necessary studies of the rights to and the use of the waters of the region by the Federal and State governments, looking forward toward the formation of compacts between the several states relating to the division and use of waters of interstate streams of the Pacific Northwest. These compacts are to be submitted by the Governors to the legislatures of and to the Congress for ratification and approval."

RESOLVED: That the Washington State Reclamation Association endorses the cooperative programs of surface and ground water investigations now under way between State, Municipal and Federal agencies and the U.S. Geological Survey, urges that they be continued and expanded as needed to provide basic water supply facts for the orderly and growing development of the water resources of this State, and recommends that such funds as may be required in excess of the receipts of Power License Fees now being allotted as the State of Washington's share of the cost of this work, be appropriated from the General Fund for expenditure through the Department of Conservation and Development.

This resolution is proposed (1) because records of the quantities and distribution of surface and ground waters are considered to be absolutely indispensable to the sound planning of any and all projects making use of our water resources, (2) because value of the records depends largely upon their unbroken continuity over long periods of years, (3) because these records, due to their high standards of accuracy and their collection by an unbiased and disinterested agency have been found to be suitable for the determination of equities among water users, and for the planning, construction, and operation of water projects and (4) because the Power License Fees received by the Department of C & D have become inadequate for bearing the State of Washington's share of the cost of these investigations.

RESOLVED: That this Association express its appreciation for the hospitality and gracious services of the Yakima Chamber of Commerce, its staff and Manager George Baer, the City of Yakima, ^{The Yakima Herald & Republic} The Commercial and other hotels and the citizens of Yakima.

It is further recommended that the appreciation of the organization be extended to the officers and committeemen who have given their time and energy to the successful launching of this new forward looking and dynamic Reclamation Association.

When those who were of Washington Irrigation Institute turn the pages of the 32 years record and ^{scan} ~~peruse~~ the resolutions of each current meeting, and reading on, see that consistently the goals of today have become the accomplishments of the morrow; but see as consistently new desirable goals set up and new machinery devised to meet them, it is realized that this record was the logical result of a sound and consistent policy, set up by the founding fathers and resolutely carried through to the present.

That policy was two-fold:

To provide an open forum for all proposals and projects in its chosen field,

To lend its endorsement to any such project or proposal only after it was fully demonstrated to be sound, desirable and in the public interest.

We see that the reputation gained for the Institute in the public minds, ^{on} that any matter carrying its endorsement was a good thing to have, ^{and} was the direct and inevitable result of that policy.

As we turn with the needs of the times from the simple field of irrigation to the more complex and complicated field of the multiple purpose project, our task becomes more difficult but its basic principles do not change. Success will come in the future as it has come in the past, through undeviating adherence to these principles.

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Now there be it resolved:

1. That the door of Washington State Reclamation Association shall always be open to any one who has a proposal to make for the conservation and development of the natural resources of our state.

2. That the endorsement of this body be never given to any specific project until full and careful study by competent and qualified persons or agencies have proved to us that such project is sound, desirable, and in the public interest,