

**RESOLVED:** That we heartily approve the organization of a State Association of Irrigation Districts to take charge of the Irrigation campaign, and that the work of such Association will not be completed until every acre of dry land in the State shall have been successfully irrigated and every bond issued in such Irrigation work shall have been honestly paid, principal and interest.

Unanimously adopted by State Convention of Irrigation District officers held at Tulare, Cal., September 12th and 13th, 1890.

**OFFICERS:**

J. W. NANCE, President.

E. DeWITT, Vice President.

E. J. Cox, Treasurer.

A. J. PILLSBURY, Secretary.

Tulare, Cal.

**OFFICE OF**

**State Association of Irrigation Districts**

**OF CALIFORNIA.**

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Tulare, California, Dec. 19, 1892

To the Board of Directors.--

Gentlemen--

The last session of the State Association of Irrigation districts, of California, was held at Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 20 and 21, 1891, and when it adjourned it adjourned to meet in Sacramento, January, 1, 1893.

In view of the foregoing facts and, at the request of Hon. C. C. Wright, L. M. Holt and others, we the undersigned, hereby call a meeting of the said STATE ASSOCIATION OF IRRIGATION DISTRICTS OF CALIFORNIA at Sacramento on Thursday, January 5, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

The friends of the District System of Irrigation regard a full meeting as important as it is believed that legislation adverse to the interests of districts will be attempted by enemies of the system and that effective associated action will be requisite in order to prevent disaster to the system and hardship to many of the districts already formed,

Your representatives should come to the Association empowered to act on behalf of your district and people and to render such financial aid in carrying forward the work of the legislative campaign, (as well as defraying expenses already incurred), as may justly fall to your share.

Delegates would do well to assemble in the waiting room of the Golden Eagle hotel until a place of meeting can be found.

Respectfully,

A. J. PILLSBURY, Secretary

State Association of Irrigation Districts of California.

E. DeWITT, Vice President



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN SENATE

January 1, 1901

To the Board of Supervisors

of the County of San Diego

San Diego, California

of such persons as may be appointed

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W. B. Beckett  
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Hotel Langham, Sacramento, Cal.

February 4th 1895.

*L. P. Jones Esq.*  
*President Lincoln Water;*

Dear Sir,

As you are aware a convention of irrigation districts was held in Sacramento January 5th. The object of the convention was to suggest needed legislation. The convention was composed of many of the most prominent irrigationists in the State. The advice of several of the largest bond buying firms in the world was asked upon the subjects in hand some of which have had representatives here. It is their opinion that with the assistance of the proposed legislation, Irrigation Bonds will be sold with much less difficulty.

You were also informed by a circular issued by the executive committee appointed by the convention of the nature of some of the proposed amendments. The object of this letter is to inform you of the progress being made. We have introduced nine bills in all; four of them may be hereafter combined in one. Of the nine bills four have been favourably reported by the Assembly committee, three by Senate committee, while one has passed the Assembly.

Aside from advancing needed legislation, it was equally or more necessary that a committee be sustained here to prevent harmful laws being passed by those desiring to destroy the system.

Our fears of such an effort have been amply realized. Miller and Luz and other well known enemies have maintained four lawyers here to oppose our measures and advocate dangerous bills. They have introduced several bills, that if they are allowed to become

laws, will dangerously impair if not virtually destroy the Wright system. One of the opposition measures has already found its way to the files of the Senate. In the circular sent out by our committee all districts and persons interested were asked, 1st, to contribute money to pay the expenses of the committee engaged in these labours. And, to use your influence upon your representatives in the Legislature in the interest of the cause. As to the first of these, there have been practically no responses. Those of the committee who have remained here, have been compelled to pay their own expenses. Our opponents are full handed and are waging a battle against which we are in a poor condition to contend. The question seems simply to be;—Are the Irrigation districts, and persons interested therein going to sit idly by and see the system in which millions have been invested, and from which tens of millions are expected in the future, hampered and perhaps destroyed, by a few land kings, for such a paltry sum as is necessary to maintain a committee here to explain to the mountain and city members of the Legislature, who are not familiar with irrigation matters, and upon whom our enemies labour, that our system is not a failure, but must go on? I sincerely desire that you will consider this matter at your meeting on Tuesday, and respond if possible to the urgencies of the situation.

It is difficult to procure printed copies of the bills, since the State only prints a limited number, but if money comes to the committee sufficient to pay type-writing expenses and you desire copies of any or all bills I will have them sent you. All money should be



sent to C.O. Wright, at Modesto, and notification of the same sent to L.M. Helt, Rialto, Cal. For our success so far attained in our own measures, and in retarding the work of the enemy, we are especially indebted to the faithful labours of Senator Seymore of San Bernardino, and Assemblyman Carlson of San Diego, Chairman of the respective committies in irrigation, and also to Assemblyman Casterline of San Diego.

Trusting you will give these matters your serious consideration.

I beg leave to remain,

Very Truly Yours,

W. S. Montgomery

Member of Executive Committee.

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*W. J. Montgomery*  
*Little Scientific*  
*Com. on Injunction*  
*May 1893*

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
MAY 18, 1893.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.



Hotel Langham, Sacramento, Cal.

February 24th, 1898.

G. H. Philkipp Esq.  
Secretary of Linda Vista

Irrigation District.

Dear Sir,

Accompanying this you will find a blank petition for the signature of property holders in your District, and also a blank resolution which we would like your Directors to pass and forward copies thereof to whatever members of the legislature you may see fit. It will certainly do no harm to forward them to every member, but certainly to your representatives and friends. Of course we do not mean that copies of the petition shall be sent, but simply copies of the resolution. Accompanying this letter you will find either the bills themselves or a synopsis of them. We would send copies of the bills to all Districts but are unable to procure printed copies. These bills have been introduced by the enemies of Irrigation and are universally denounced by all friends of the same as dangerous if not ruinous to the entire system of Irrigation.

We are making a hard fight against them but they are backed by a powerful lobby, and if we are to succeed we must have the united support of the Districts in every way. Please press this matter at once and return the petition to us and the resolution as indicated.

Very Truly Yours,

W. S. Montgomery.

Member of Executive Committee, State Association.

P.S. The farm-club officers have copies of the bills mentioned and no doubt you have seen them. Yours W. S. M.



Whereas; There have been introduced in the Senate And Assembly of this State, now in session, certain Bills known as Assembly Bills 512 and 606, relating respectively to exclusion of lands from, and the disorganization of, Irrigation Districts, and

Whereas; We are acquainted with the provisions of said Bills;

Now Therefore;

Be it Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Irrigation District that said Bills or any others of like character are dangerous to the success of the District system, and that their passage would impair the success of the entire system, if not practically cast ruin everywhere, and

Be it further Resolved, that the said Bills are in the interests of speculation and monopoly of both water and land, and if passed will cause the choicest water sheds of the State to pass into the hands of gigantic corporations, instead of being preserved as the natural heritage of the people of the State of California,

Be it further Resolved, that the Secretary is hereby instructed to immediately mail <sup>Secretary and</sup> to the members of the Senate and Assembly certified copies of these resolutions.



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*Resolution  
Signed*



#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Appointed by Irrigation Congress, held in Salt Lake City,  
Utah, September 16, 1891.

A. L. THOMAS, Ch'm, Salt Lake City, Utah  
WM. E. SMYTHE, Sec'y, Salt Lake City, Utah  
J. E. BAILEY, South Dakota  
L. J. CARPENTER, Fort Collins, Colorado  
W. A. CLARK, Butte, Montana  
J. W. GREGORY, Garden City, Kansas  
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J. B. HUNTINGTON, Burns, Oregon  
MORGAN JONES, Waco, Texas  
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WILL HALL POORE, Raton, New Mexico  
JAS. STEPHENSON, Omaha, Nebraska  
ISAAC TRUMBO, San Francisco, California

#### COMMITTEES AT LOS ANGELES.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:  
D. FREEMAN, Chairman.  
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Chairman.

ARRANGEMENTS:  
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FRED L. ALLES,  
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# International Irrigation Congress

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 10, 1893

*Salt Lake City, Utah, August 9th, 1893.*

To the

SIR: At a meeting of the National Executive Committee appointed by the Irrigation Congress, held in the City of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah, on September 16-18, 1891, it was resolved that an International Irrigation Congress be held in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, during the week commencing October 10, 1893, to consider the following subjects:

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State.  
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#### IRRIGATION SECURITIES.

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#### THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS TO CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

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The Hon. Walter Q. Gresham, Secretary of State, has requested the diplomatic officers of the United States to ask the Governments to which they are accredited to be represented by duly appointed delegates.

In accordance with the resolution of the committee, I have the honor to request that you appoint the number of delegates you are entitled to appoint under the call, and to respectfully urge that care be taken to appoint delegates who will attend.

am, sir, very respectfully,

ARTHUR L. THOMAS,

Chairman National Executive Committee.



# International Congress

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

July 10, 1950

Dear Mr. [Name]

*Project the Congress  
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I am pleased to hear that you are planning to attend the International Congress on the History of the United States, which will be held in Los Angeles, California, on July 10-12, 1950.

The Congress is being organized by the American Historical Association, the American Society for the History of the United States, and the American Society for the History of the American People. The Congress will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center, and will feature a variety of sessions, including lectures, panel discussions, and exhibits.

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ISAAC TRUMBO — SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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MEETS OCTOBER 10, 1893, ONE WEEK, AT LOS ANGELES,  
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 Mr. G. Muller  
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**International Irrigation Congress  
Los Angeles, California  
October 10, 1893**

**LOS ANGELES, CAL., September 1, 1893.**

*Dear Sir:*

The enclosed circular Call will explain itself.

The subject of the irrigation of arid lands is of such vital importance to all the trans-Mississippi States and Territories that we feel confident that you will promptly act in this matter.

Please notify us as soon as the delegates are appointed, with their names, in order that we may notify them of railroad rates and hotel arrangements.

Men of eminence in the science of irrigation in Europe and America have already signified their intention of attending this Congress, and it is safe to assume that it will be the most notable gathering of its kind ever held in this country.

**Respectfully,**

**C. D. WILLARD, Secretary.**

**D. FREEMAN, Chairman.**

**137 So. Main St., Los Angeles.**





# The International Irrigation Congress

*Meets October 10, 1893, one week, at Los Angeles  
in Southern California*

Chamber of Commerce

Sep. 20th,

Los Angeles, California, \_\_\_\_\_ 1893

Gentlemen:-

I enclose copy of the "Call" to the Irrigation Congress,  
which will meet in Los Angeles October 10th.

You will notice that water companies and irrigation districts  
are entitled to send one delegate.

Kindly inform me what action is taken by your organization,  
and whether the delegate who is elected expects to attend.

Yours respectfully,

*C. D. Willard*  
Secretary.



**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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