

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, all postal-savings certificates, or other evidences of deposit in the postal-savings depository system, including duplicates, after the expiration of six years from the date payment thereon has been made as shown by the records of the Post Office Department.

Disposal.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth calendar month following the date of its enactment.

Effective date.

Approved July 14, 1954.

Public Law 488

CHAPTER 477

AN ACT

Conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear, determine, and render judgment upon certain claims of the State of California.

July 14, 1954
[H. R. 3191]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, sitting without a jury, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of the State of California against the United States for reimbursement of the amounts expended and to be expended in repairing the damage to levees and other flood-control works of the Sacramento River alleged to have resulted from the closing of the outlet gates on Shasta Dam by the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, during May 1948.

Sacramento
River levee damage
claims, Calif.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any statute of limitations or lapse of time, suit upon such claims may be instituted at any time within one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. In any suit brought pursuant to this Act (whether sounding in tort or in contract) proceedings shall be had, and the liability, if any, of the United States shall be determined, in accordance with the provisions of law applicable in the case of contract claims, or under the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, respectively, against the United States: *Provided,* That the passage of this legislation shall not be construed as an inference of liability on the part of the United States Government.

60 Stat. 842; 62
Stat. 982.
28 USC 2671 et
seq.

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Public Law 489

CHAPTER 478

AN ACT

To credit the Shoshone Irrigation District with a share of the net revenues from the Shoshone powerplant, and for other purposes.

July 14, 1954
[H. R. 6893]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, on behalf of the United States to enter into a contract with the Shoshone Irrigation District, Wyoming, containing appropriate provisions whereby—

Shoshone Irriga-
tion District, Wyo.
Powerplant rev-
enue contract.

(a) the United States shall credit the district with the sum of \$426,000 which sum shall be applied toward the payment of the annual construction payments of the district under its contract with the United States dated November 4, 1926, or any amendment thereof, as the same become due for the year 1954 and subsequent years until such credit is exhausted. Until such credit

is exhausted the United States consents to the expenditure by the district of money collected by the district, as part of the district's 1954 and subsequent budgets for the purpose of defraying annual construction payments to the United States, for such purposes of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and operation and maintenance as may be approved by the appropriate State court in the manner provided by the applicable laws of the State of Wyoming;

(b) the district relinquishes and releases any and all of its claims, demands, and causes of action against the United States, from whatever cause or for whatever reason arising, with respect to any revenues heretofore or hereafter realized from, or with respect to control over, power facilities of the Shoshone Federal reclamation project heretofore or hereafter constructed, including the Shoshone power plant;

(c) there are effected changes, modifications, and financial adjustments in the district's contract with the United States dated November 4, 1926, to the extent required by a finding, based upon reclassifications of the lands of the Garland division, Shoshone Federal reclamation project, that thirty-five thousand nine hundred fifty and forty-four one-hundredths acres of the lands in said division are irrigable and that four hundred thirteen and six one-hundredths acres, formerly classified as irrigable, are now included in drain rights of way. Construction charges against the said four hundred thirteen and six one-hundredths acres shall continue to be included in the contractual obligation of the district and in the accounts of the Garland division, but the existing repayment contract of the district may be amended to relieve such lands from future assessment by the district. The provisions of this subsection shall be effective as of January 1, 1953;

(d) the district's obligation with respect to payment of its share of the cost of storage works of the Shoshone reclamation project is fixed at \$340,500, which amount the district shall continue to pay, along with other portions of the construction charge obligation except as otherwise provided in this Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions of its contract of November 4, 1926, aforesaid; and

(e) the district's obligation under its contract of November 4, 1926, aforesaid, is reduced, to the extent that such reduction has not already been made, by that portion of the unexpended balances of construction charges heretofore authorized and duly announced or promulgated which the Secretary, taking account of all lands to which said charges were applicable when they were announced or promulgated, shall determine is the ratable share of those balances applicable to the irrigable lands of the district and to the lands of the district, formerly classified as irrigable, which are now included in drain rights of way as hereinbefore provided. No part of the cost of the Shoshone powerplant, its distribution system, or any appurtenant features of said powerplant shall be charged against the district or landowners therein.

SEC. 2. The proviso affecting the application of net revenues of the Shoshone powerplant, as contained in the Act of March 4, 1929 (45 Stat. 1562, 1592), and the Act of April 9, 1938 (52 Stat. 210), are hereby modified to the extent necessary to permit \$426,000 of the net revenues of the Shoshone powerplant to be applied compatibly with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. No landowner or entryman holding land found by the reclassifications aforesaid to be permanently unproductive shall be entitled

to credit from, or refund by, the United States for construction or other charges which, prior to the effective date of subsection (c), section 1, of this Act, had been paid or become due and payable on account of such land. Any water right appurtenant to said lands which has been acquired under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) shall cease and the water supply heretofore used or required to satisfy such right shall be available for disposition by the Secretary under those laws, but the water users on the Garland division shall have a preference right to the use of such water.

43 USC 371.

SEC. 4. If a contract in accordance with the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (d) of section 1 of this Act shall not have been entered into within two years from the date of its enactment, the authority to enter into such a contract granted by this Act shall cease to be operative and shall be of no further force or effect.

Time limitation.

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Public Law 490

CHAPTER 479

AN ACT

To remove clouds on the titles of certain lands in Colorado.

July 14, 1954
[H. R. 5620]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the boundary line established by George V. Boutelle in 1868 and reestablished by Benjamin H. Smith in 1875 is hereby confirmed and reestablished as the southern boundary of township 9 north, ranges 53 and 54 west, sixth principal meridian, Colorado, and as the northern boundary of lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in each of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, township 8 north, range 53 west, sixth principal meridian, Colorado.

Colorado.
Land boundary.

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Public Law 491

CHAPTER 480

AN ACT

To convey by quitclaim deed certain land to the State of Texas.

July 14, 1954
[H. R. 7913]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the State of Texas, for public park and recreational purposes only, such areas within the portion of Texarkana Dam and Reservoir project, Texas, designated as Atlanta State Park, as he shall deem essential to provide building sites for permanent buildings and other improvements for public park and recreational purposes, but not to exceed two hundred acres, at fair market value as determined by him, which in no event shall be less than the cost to the Government of acquiring such areas, and under such terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable to assure that the use of said areas by the State will not interfere with the operation of said dam and reservoir project and such additional terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable in the public interest.

Atlanta State
Park, Tex.
Conveyance.

The conveyance authorized by this Act shall not pass any right, title, or interest in oil, gas, fissionable materials, or other minerals.

Mineral rights,
etc.

In the event actual construction of the said buildings and improvements has not commenced within five years from the effective date of

Conditions.