Public Law 96–570
96th Congress
An Act
To extend the service area for the Sacramento Valley Canals, Central Valley project, California, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the features authorized under section 2 of the Act of September 26, 1950 (64 Stat. 1036), as amended, and generally consisting of the Tehama-Colusa Canal with all necessary pumping plants and appurtenances, were intended to serve and were thereby authorized to serve those lands in Yolo County, California, lying within the boundaries of the Colusa County and Dunnigan water districts and existing contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Colusa County and Dunnigan water districts are hereby validated by the Congress with respect to the inclusion of said districts in the authorized service area of the Tehama-Colusa Canal.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the Act of September 26, 1950 (64 Stat. 1036), as amended, is further amended by striking the phrase “Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa Counties or” and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase “Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa Counties, and those portions of Yolo County within the boundaries of the Colusa County, Dunnigan, and Yolo-Zamora water districts or”.

Sec. 3. Any water service contract hereinafter entered into by the Secretary of the Interior with the Yolo-Zamora Water District shall contain provisions establishing—

(a) that water users shall pay for such water at a rate equivalent to the cost of service to the Yolo-Zamora Water District or the district’s repayment capacity, whichever is less, but in no case less than the annual operations, maintenance, and replacement costs allocable to the district for service of Central Valley project water, all as determined by the Secretary of the Interior in conformance with reclamation law and in consultation with the district: Provided, That the district’s repayment capacity and the operations, maintenance, and replacement costs shall be recalculated and revised no less frequently than every five years and the water rates adjusted as appropriate to reflect such revisions;

(b) that any water supply contract between the Secretary and the Yolo-Zamora Water District shall provide that in the event of a dry or critically dry year the water supply provided to the Yolo-Zamora Water District may be reduced by the Secretary for salinity control purposes consistent with administrative and operations practices of the Central Valley project; and

(c) that the lands in the Yolo-Zamora Water District which are classified as class 4 and 6 pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior’s classification standards for irrigable lands and which have not previously been under active cultivation shall not be irrigated with project water.
Sec. 4. The following provisions of the Federal reclamation laws shall not apply to lands within the Imperial Irrigation District of California after the date of enactment of this Act:

(a) section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act appropriating the receipts from the sale and disposal of public lands in certain States and Territories to the construction of irrigation works for the reclamation of arid lands", approved June 17, 1902 (43 U.S.C. 431);

(b) section 46 of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust water-right charges, to grant certain other relief on the Federal irrigation projects, and for other purposes", approved May 25, 1926 (42 U.S.C. 423e); and

(c) any other provision of law amendatory or supplementary to either of such sections.

Approved December 22, 1980.