

Public Hall, Lodi, California, Dec. 18, 1911.

A communication from the City Clerk of Madera, enclosing a copy of a resolution and asking that the same be adopted by the Board of Trustees was read, and the following resolution in accordance therewith read and introduced, and, on motion of Trustee Blodgett, seconded by Trustee Rich, adopted by unanimous vote:

IT IS RESOLVED:

That the use of all public waters upon lands should be governed by the rules prescribed for the use of such waters upon lands by appropriation, and that no claim to such public waters should be valid, unless such waters are applied to a beneficial use.

That it is our opinion that the construction and operation of a canal by the Federal or the State government, from the San Joaquin river near Pollasky, skirting the edge of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, to a point in the San Joaquin river about Stockton, of sufficient capacity to carry to the many natural reservoir sites along the route, all the flood waters that flow in the San Joaquin, Fresno, Chowchilla, Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers, is feasible, and that said waters could be sold by the government to the many irrigation districts and irrigation companies along the route at reasonable prices.

That the legislature would do us and the ~~people~~ people of the counties of Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin, a favor if it will pass a resolution requesting the Federal Congress to cause a survey of such proposed canal and works, and an estimate of the cost and the feasibility thereof, to be made, to the end that the same may be constructed and put in operation by the United States to protect the San Joaquin Valley from such flood waters, and at the same time put such flood waters to a beneficial use, with remunerative returns to the government, provided, the Legislature determines that the State of California is unable to perform the work.