

TITLE 16 - CONSERVATION

CHAPTER 12D - COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT

§§ 835a, 835b. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-728, § 3, Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 678

Section 835a, acts May 27, 1937, ch. 269, § 2, 50 Stat. 210; Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 14; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1048, § 1(1), (2), 64 Stat. 1037; Sept. 2, 1957, Pub. L. 85-264, § 1(a)-(c), 71 Stat. 590, related to the use of project appropriations for irrigation features; appraisals and reappraisals of lands; contracts with subdivisions of state; irrigation blocks; boundaries as determining right to water; temporary delivery to excess lands; definition of owners, community property; necessity of execution of recordable contract; contractual requirements; filing of instruments.

Section 835b, acts May 27, 1937, ch. 269, § 3, 50 Stat. 210; Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 18; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1048, § 1(3), 64 Stat. 1037, related to consideration for conveyance of lands.

Savings Provision

Section 5(b) of Pub. L. 87-728 provided that: "The rights of any vendee or grantee as defined in section 3 of the Columbia Basin Project Act of 1943 [section 835b of this title] are hereby preserved as to any transactions that were consummated by contract or deed prior to repeal of said section 3 by this Act."

Amendatory Repayment Contract

Sections 1 and 2 of Pub. L. 87-728 provided: "That the amendatory repayment contract with the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1192; 43 U.S.C. 485f) [section 485f (a) of Title 43, Public Lands], which contract was approved by the district electors on February 13, 1962, is hereby approved and the Secretary is hereby authorized to execute it on behalf of the United States and to negotiate and execute on behalf of the United States amendatory repayment contracts in substantially the same form or amendatory repayment contracts containing substantially the same provisions with the South and East Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts.

"Sec. 2. Upon any amendatory repayment contract with a Columbia Basin Irrigation District approved or authorized by this Act [enacting section 835-1 of this title, amending section 835c, 835c-1, 835c-2, 835c-4 of this title, repealing sections 835a, 835b, 835c-3, and 835c-5 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 835a, 835b, and 835c of the title] becoming effective to bind the United States, that district's share of the operation and maintenance funds expended or obligated for the construction of drainage works including appropriate interest thereon during calendar years 1960, 1961, and 1962 shall be capitalized and charged as a part of the construction cost of the project assigned directly to irrigation and the Secretary shall either refund to it or give it credit for (as it may elect) all operation and maintenance payments (including interest paid by it in connection therewith) which it has made for the construction of drainage works during those years, such credit, if so elected by the district, to be applied against future development period and/or construction charges of the district as they become due."

Sale of Project Lands to State of Washington

Pub. L. 86-52, June 23, 1959, 73 Stat. 87, provided: "That notwithstanding any provisions of sections 2(b)(iii), 2(b)(iv), and 4(b) of the Columbia Basin Project Act, as amended [former section 835a (b)(iii), (iv) of this title and section 835c (b) of this title] (16 U.S.C., ch. 12D) [this chapter], conformed farm units, or portions of farm units, comprising not more than six hundred and forty acres of irrigable land on the Columbia Basin project may be sold by the Secretary of the Interior and others to the State of Washington for use by the State College of Washington for agricultural research purposes, and water may be delivered from, through, or by means of the project works to or for conformed farm units comprising no more than that acreage, as nonexcess lands, whether so acquired or already held by the State, as long as they are used for those purposes. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any lands sold to the State under this Act shall be governed by the provisions of the Columbia Basin Project Act, as amended [sections 835, 835a to 835c-5 of this title] and regulations of the Secretary issued pursuant thereto."

Pub. L. 86-52 was amended to permit delivery of water to State owned lands, see section 7 of Pub. L. 87-728, set out as a note below.

Delivery of Water to State Owned Land

Section 7 of Pub. L. 87-728 provided that: "The Act of June 23, 1959 (73 Stat. 87) [set out as a note above] is hereby amended to permit delivery of water to not to exceed six hundred and forty acres of irrigable lands whether or not

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said lands are in conformed farm units, owned by the State of Washington for use by the Washington State University for agricultural research purposes.”

Delivery of Water to Farms Platted Prior to October 1, 1962, Exceeding 160 Acres

Pub. L. 87-728, § 5(a), Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 679, provided that: “Notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws [for definition, see section 835-1 of this title], water may be delivered to farm unit platted before the enactment of this Act [Oct. 1, 1962] that contains a nominal quarter section of land exceeding one hundred and sixty irrigable acres insofar as those provisions limit the delivery of water to irrigable lands in excess of one hundred and sixty irrigable acres.”