

TITLE: Yuma Water Users Association Collection

DATE RANGE: 1903 - 1987

CALL NUMBER: Y- MS10

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6 boxes (3 linear feet)

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HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Yuma Water Users Association is an organization dealing with water issues in the Yuma area. It was originally organized in 1903 shortly after the Reclamation Act was passed by the United States Congress. The Association was originally created as a non- profit to represent its members in negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1904 Congress created the Yuma Project under the Bureau of Reclamation with the intention of making the Yuma area more agriculturally profitable. Towards this end, construction was begun on Laguna Dam in 1905. Water diversion to the Yuma area was handled by Laguna Dam until 1941, when the diversion point for Yuma was switched to Imperial Dam. Through a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1951, the Yuma Water Users Association assumed control of the works and facilities of the Yuma Project including both irrigation and power generating facilities. In 1962, a supplemental contract was signed giving the Association control of the Siphon Drop Power Plant and its various facilities such as transmission lines and irrigation works in California.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Comprised of seven series.

Series I: Correspondence

Includes correspondence not only between the Association and various federal officials, but also letters between the Association and U. S. Senator Carl Hayden and Mulford Winsor II the Arizona State Senate President, 1920-1928. Winsor represented Yuma County and was a leader in Colorado River water policy and legislation of that era. The original file headings and filing order were retained.

Series II: Documents

Contains an inventory of documents held by the Yuma Water Users Association. Includes copies of the Articles of Incorporation from several different years as well as early trust deeds.

Series III: Finance

Contains checking register books covering the Association's expenditures from 1932 to 1950. Also includes stock share certificates from the Yuma Water Users Association and a private irrigation company.

Series IV: News Clippings

Contains news clippings about the Association and its various activities.

Series V: Photographs

Includes photos of various irrigation works and related that the Association controlled

Series VI: Publications

Contains Annual Reports published by the Yuma Water Users Association from the time they assumed control of the Yuma Project works in 1951, to the 75th anniversary of the completion of the Laguna Dam in 1987. Also includes informational booklets from several sources covering a variety of water issues and a number of pamphlets and newsletters involving water concerns of both Arizona and California.

Series VII: Wage Stabilization Board

This series contains newsletters and informational missives issued by the United States Wage Stabilization board in the early 1950s.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Correspondence: Federal Reclamation Projects	1932 – 1949
	2	Correspondence: General (Miscellaneous business and personal letters)	1951 – 1981, N.D.
	3	Correspondence: Geological Survey	1923 – 1925
	4	Correspondence: Homesteading	1909
	5	Correspondence: Imperial Irrigation District	1919 – 1948
	6	Correspondence: Inter-State Colorado River Agreement	1921 – 1925
	7	Correspondence: Inter-State Colorado River Agreement	1925 – 1929, n.d.
2	1	Correspondence: Levee Legislation	1941 – 1950
	2	Correspondence: National Reclamation Association	1920 – 1960
	3	Correspondence: Reclamation Fund Reimbursement	1932 – 1955
	4	Correspondence: War Time Operations	1940 – 1943
	5	Documents: General (Certificates and Excerpts from contracts and books)	1904 – 1933, n.d.
	6	Documents: Inventory of YWUA records at the Association Office	n.d.
	7	Documents: Salt River Valley Water Users Association Articles of Incorporation and By-laws	1930 – 1947

	8	Documents: Trust Deeds	1903 – 1905
	9	Documents: Yuma Valley Reclamation Project	1913, n.d.
	10	Documents: Yuma Water Users Association Articles of Incorporation and By-laws	1904 – 1919
	10a	Documents: Yums County Water Users' Association Golden Anniversary	1962
	11	Finance: Bills (Personal)	1956
	12	Finance: Check register	1925 – 1934
	13	Finance: Check register	1933 – 1936
	14	Finance: Checks register	1936 – 1938
3	1	Finance: Check register	1938 – 1940
	2	Finance: Check register	1941 – 1943
	3	Finance: Check register	1943 – 1945
4	1	Finance: Check register	1945 – 1947
	2	Finance: Check register	1947 – 1949
	3	Finance: Check register	1949
5	1	Finance: Check register	1950
	2	Finance: Stock shares	1901 – 1913
	3	News Clippings	1931 – 1986
	4	Photos: General (Unidentified Irrigation works and various images of people)	n.d.
	5	Photos: Yuma Mesa	n.d.
	6	Photos: “Westover and Mansfield” (not portraits)	1955
	7	Publications: Annual Reports	1951 – 1962
	8	Publications: Annual Reports	1962 – 1987
	9	Publications: Bureau of Reclamation booklets	1963 – 1966
6	1	Publications: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	1966
	2	Publications: Yuma Water Users Association	1960
	3	Publications: Newsletters, Pamphlets	1948 – 1959, n.d.
	4	U.S. Wage Stabilization Board Documents (1 of 3)	1950 – 1952
	5	U.S. Wage Stabilization Board Documents (2 of 3)	1952
	6	U.S. Wage Stabilization Board Documents (3 of 3)	1952 – 1953, n.d.