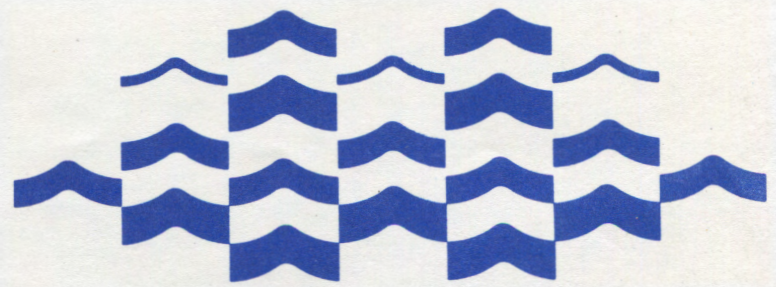


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### Reclamation Releases Reporting Forms for Irrigators Subject to Reclamation Act of 1902

Acting Commissioner of Reclamation Robert A. Olsen said today that forms for reporting the landholdings of irrigators who are subject to the Reclamation Act of 1902 have been printed and are being distributed to water users.

Olsen said that the forms will help individual landholders comply with acreage-limitation provisions of Reclamation law. Individual landholders who have chosen to remain subject to acreage limitation law prior to the enactment of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 may own and irrigate no more than 160 acres with Reclamation Project water. Married couples are allowed to own and irrigate up to 320 acres.

The forms will require landholders who own and lease a total of more than 40 acres of irrigable land and/or other and receiving Reclamation project irrigation water to provide pertinent information about their landholdings. Landholders who own and lease 40 acres or less of such land westwide and landholdings in districts which are exempt from acreage limitation are exempt from reporting requirements.

Landholders must complete and return the necessary forms to the appropriate irrigation district offices by July 30, 1984. A 30-day period will be allowed from that date for irrigation districts to review and obtain corrections to incorrectly completed forms. Any landholders subject to

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prior acreage limitation law who have not submitted correctly completed forms by August 30, 1984, will become ineligible for Reclamation project irrigation water deliveries.

Certification forms for use by landholders who are subject to the discretionary provisions of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 were distributed in April 1984, and should not be confused with the reporting forms. In districts with amended contracts, the certification forms must be returned by June 30, 1984, with a review period ending July 30, 1984. Individual landholders who make irrevocable elections to conform to the discretionary provisions must return certification forms to their district offices within 30 days of the date of their irrevocable election. Landholders may obtain the necessary forms from their irrigation district offices.

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