Guide to the Feather River Project Association Collection, 1955-1974

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Feather River Project Association Collection

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Abstract: In 1955, the Feather River Project Association (FRPA) was incorporated as a not-for-profit, non-partisan educational association to serve the public interest of Californians in the areas of water resource development and water conservation. The collection documents such issues as the future development of California's water resources, water rights controversies, and the California Water Plan as it has been revised through legislative action from 1900 until the early 1970s. It contains annual reports, articles of incorporation, board of directors' agendas and minutes, conference agendas, minutes, statements, contracts, correspondence, financial statements, membership applications and lists, legislative circulars, newsletters, position reports and statements, published reports, and resolutions.

Historical Note:

During the early 1950s, the California Department of Water Resources was created to develop a plan of action toward solving California's water problems and make recommendations to the state legislature. By 1955, the Department of Water Resources had completed its research and published a working document, known as the Bechtel Report, and began implementing the revised California Water Plan.

In 1955, the Feather River Project Association (FRPA) was incorporated as a not-for-profit, non-partisan educational association to serve the public interest of Californians in the areas of water resource development and water conservation. The main foci of FRPA activities were two-fold: first, the association would collect and develop research material and independent studies concerning all aspects of The California Water Plan, especially in those areas pertaining to the proposed Feather River Project; and second, the FRPA would disseminate those findings that stressed the urgent need to fund and implement actions that further developed the California Water Plan.

Membership in FRPA was open to all who were interested in the development of water resources. In 1956, the Association consisted of several county and city agencies, local water associations, and private organizations and individuals concerned with the future of California's water sources. By 1962, the FRPA had a mailing list of 6,950 that were receiving monthly reports through the Association's newsletters. Monthly meetings were scheduled throughout the state for FRPA members, which kept them fully informed on current legislation before the state assembly and senate that could affect the State Water Project. FRPA actively sought political support, recommended policies and passed several resolutions on issues such as the Water Bond Act, San Luis Dam and Reservoir Project, and South Bay Aqueduct. FRPA also developed procedures for the settlement of contract negotiations between water owners and water recipients.

During the mid-1960s FRPA promoted the establishment of a Water Resources Research Center in the State Legislature (Senate Bill 2). Reflecting the expansion in statewide water projects, conferences and membership, FRPA voted to change its name to the California Water Resources Association. The name change took effect on December 9, 1966 and the organization is still in existence today.

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Arrangement of Materials:
Series I: Feather River Project Association, 1955-1965
Series II: California Water Resources Association, 1966-1974

Scope and Contents
The Feather River Project Association Collection (FRPA) contains annual reports; articles of incorporation, Board of Directors’ agendas and minutes, conference agendas, minutes and statements, contracts, correspondence, financial statements, membership applications and lists, legislative circulars, newsletters, position reports and statements, published reports, and resolutions. The collection documents such issues as the future development of California’s water resources, water rights controversies, and the California Water Plan as it has been revised through legislative action from 1900 until the early 1970s. The collection has been filed in two series: Feather River Project Association (1955-1965) and California Water Resources Association (1966-1974).

Series I, Feather River Project Association, contains the administrative files of the Feather River Project Association as gathered by one of its organizational members, the City of Burbank. The files include annual reports, articles of incorporation, board of director agendas and minutes, conference notices and statements, correspondence, financial statements, legislative circulars, membership lists, newsletters, position reports and statements and resolutions. The files are arranged in alphabetical order.

Series II, California Water Resources Association, continues the documentation of the association's activities after 1966 when FRPA changed its name to the California Water Resources Association (CSRA), reflecting its statewide membership. The files include board of director agendas and minutes, conference agendas, correspondence, newsletters, and resolutions. The files are arranged in alphabetical order.

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