

Irrigation

Sacramento (Central Valley Water Project)—Re-allocation of \$14,000,000 for work on the Central Valley Water Project has been announced by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. The re-allocation on a new plan will permit the Bureau of Reclamation to start on several units of the project at the same time.

Dr. Mead has announced that the Bureau has completed plans and specifications for the initial contract and bids will be called immediately but did not state what this contract includes.

Under the tentative allocation the amounts set up for initial work under the new plan of starting all phases of the project simultaneously are as follows:

San Joaquin Valley water rights purchase, \$2,000,000.

Construction of Friant Dam, \$3,500,000.

Beginning Madera Canal construction, \$500,000.

Beginning Friant-Kern canal, \$1,000,000.

Beginning relocation and reconstruction of railroad and highway to be flooded by Kennett reservoir, \$5,000,000.

Construction Contra Costa Canal, \$2,500,000.

Excavation and preparation for building Kennett Dam on the Sacramento River, \$500,000.

Walker R. Young, Sacramento, is engineer in charge for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Yuma, Ariz. (Gila Project)—Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation, has announced that suspension of the Gila project was ordered on account of a report by the Department of Agriculture that the project was economically unsound. A committee to report on the feasibility has been named by Dr. Mead. The members are:

W. H. Code, Los Angeles, Calif., consulting engineer.

Prof. William Peterson of the State Agricultural College at Logan, Utah.

Cecil W. Creel of Reno, director of agricultural extension in Nevada.