

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 568

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd

February 24, 2015

An act to amend Section 50906 of the Water Code, relating to reclamation districts.

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AB 568, as introduced, Dodd. Reclamation District No. 108: hydroelectric power.

Existing law authorizes the formation of reclamation districts by owners of swamp and overflowed lands, salt-marsh, or tidelands, or other lands subject to flood or overflow and by owners of land already reclaimed, or in progress of reclamation, and not included in a reclamation district. Existing law authorizes Reclamation District No. 1004, in conjunction with the County of Colusa, to construct, maintain, and operate a plant, transmission lines, and other necessary or appropriate facilities for the generation of hydroelectric power, as prescribed. Existing law requires proceeds from the sale of electricity to be utilized to retire any time warrants issued for construction of the facilities and otherwise for the powers and purposes for which the district was formed.

This bill would grant the above-described hydroelectric power authority to Reclamation District No. 108.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 50906 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:

3 50906. ~~Reclamation District No. 1004 may, in conjunction~~
4 ~~with the County of Colusa,~~ (a) *A reclamation district specified in*
5 *subdivision (d) may construct, maintain, and operate a plant for*
6 *the generation of hydroelectric power, together with transmission*
7 *lines for the conveyance thereof and with other facilities that may*
8 *be necessary or appropriate for the construction, maintenance, and*
9 *operation of that plant. Construction of the plant and transmission*
10 *lines may be financed by the issuance of time warrants pursuant*
11 *to Article 3 (commencing with Section 53040) of Chapter 1 of*
12 *Part 9 to pay the cost of construction of the plant, transmission*
13 *lines, and related facilities, except that the board may, by*
14 *resolution, provide for the payment of those time warrants solely*
15 *from the proceeds derived from the operation of the hydroelectric*
16 *powerplant, in lieu of the assessment described in Section 53040,*
17 *and may, in that event, pledge the plant, transmission lines, and*
18 *related facilities and the revenues from the operation of the*
19 *hydroelectric plant as the sole security for the payment of the time*
20 *warrants.*

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22 (b) *The hydroelectric plant, transmission lines, and related*
23 *facilities constructed pursuant to this section may be leased for*
24 *operation to, or the power generated may be sold to, a public utility*
25 *or public agency engaged in the distribution, use, or sale of*
26 *electricity, but shall not be offered for sale directly by the district*
27 *to customers other than a public utility or public agency.*

28 ~~Proceeds~~
29 (c) *Proceeds from the sale of electricity shall be utilized to retire*
30 *any time warrants issued for construction of the facilities and*
31 *otherwise for the powers and purposes for which the district was*
32 *formed.*

33 (d) *This section applies only to the following reclamation*
34 *districts:*

35 (1) *Reclamation District No. 1004 acting in conjunction with*
36 *the County of Colusa.*

1 (2) *Reclamation District No. 108.*

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