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# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Bo it known that we, the undersigned, owners and appropriators of water in that certain stream known as BISHOP CREEK and land, to which said water is appurtenent, situated in the County of Inyo and State of California, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name of the "BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION"

The purposes for which this association is formed are as follows:

### ARTICLE I.

This Association shall in its associate capacity.

protect the joint and several rights of the members thereof,
in and to the use of the water flowing down, in and through
said BISHOP CREEK and upon the land to which said water is
appurtenant, belonging to the several members of this Association.

ARTICLE II.

To divide the waters of BISHOP CREEK used by the members of this Association into three main divisions, commencing with the division situated farthest north. Said divisions are to be designated ad Division No. 1, pivision No. 2, Division No. 3, and the water of said BISHOP CREEK shall be divided between said divisions in the proportion that the land irrigated by each division bears to the whole amount of water in said CREEK used by members of this association and appurtenant to the said land.

## ARTICLE III.

It is understood and agreed that no person by becoming a member of this Association shall either acquire or lose a vested right to the use of the water of said BISHOP CREEK, but that said vested right shall remain in said person subject to the laws of the State of California.

#### ARTICLE IV.

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Recognizing the fact that all the natural flow of

water in said BICHOP CHEMI was located and appropriated prior to the year A.D. 1877, we therefore declare that no person shall become a member of this Association who does not own at least one sore of land to which the water of said CREEK was appurtenent before the let day of January A.D. 1877.

## ARTICLE V.

The principal place of business of this association shall be in the town of Bishop, County of Inyo and State of California.

#### ARTICLE VI.

This association shall exist for the term of Twenty years.

## ARTICLE VII.

The number of Directors shall be FIVE and the names of those who are selected to be Directors and appointed to manage its affairs the first year are:

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# ARTICLE VIII.

Before becoming a member of this association each person shall pay the cum of Two (\$2.00) dollars ad admission fee and sign these ARTICIAS OF ASSOCIATION and the By-Laws. And the rights and interests of each member herein shall be equal. The undersigned are the original members of this association and have each paid the sum of Two (\$2.00) dollars as admission fee.

J. D. Harger Felix Cardinal S. J. Newlan

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State of California - Department of State.

I, L. H. BROWN, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the annexed copy of Articles of Association of the Bishop Creek Water Association with the original now on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof. Also, that this authentication is in due form and by the proper officer.

WITNESS my hand and the Great Seal of State, at office in Sacramento, California, the 18 day of May, A.D. 1897.

(SEAL)

L. H. Brown, Secretary of State.

By W. T. Seanon, Deputy

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