



Preliminary Planning Alternatives for Solving Agricultural Drainage and Drainage-Related Problems in the San Joaquin Valley: August, 1989 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Preliminary Planning Alternatives for Solving Agricultural Drainage and Drainage-Related Problems in the San Joaquin Valley: August, 1989 Current agricultural drainage conditions on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley present two basic problems: (1) Salt buildup and waterlogging of irrigated lands due to a high ground-water table, which adversely affects crops and productivity, and (2) toxic or potentially toxic trace elements in the shallow ground water, which when drained and discharged to streams, ponds, or wetlands, can adversely affect fish and wildlife. The severity of the toxics problem has been known only a relatively short time. It came into focus about 6 years ago with the discovery of migratory bird deaths and deformities linked to high levels of selenium in agricultural drainage water at Kesterson Reservoir. Concentrations of drainage-water contaminants and rates of deformities higher than those found at Kesterson are now being found associated with evaporation ponds in the Tulare Basin, in the southern part of the valley. Drainage problems affecting agriculture are almost as old as irrigated agriculture in the valley. As early as the 1890 s, some...



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