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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

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By Frank M. Jordan
Assistant Secretary of State

"CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE."

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, the

undersigned, GEORGE SEHLMMEYER, CELIA M. HARDING, HARRY BARNES,
W. L. SMITH and MERLE MENSINGER, have this day voluntarily
associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a
non profit corporation under the laws of the State of Califor-
nia.

AND WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the name of this corporation is:

"CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE."

2. That the purposes for which this corporation is formed
are the following:

(a) To incorporate and take over the existing unincor-
porated association known as "California State Grange."

(b) To purchase, hold, lease, grant real and per-
sonal property, and have power to make contracts, sue and be
sued, and otherwise acquire, sell, convey, transfer, lease to
others, and otherwise dispose of, mortgage or otherwise encum-
ber, real or personal property.

(c) To develop a better and higher manhood and
womanhood among the members; to enhance the comforts and attrac-
tions of the homes of the members, and to strengthen the attach-
ment of the members to their pursuits; to foster mutual under-
standing and cooperation; to maintain inviolate our laws and
to emulate each other in labor; to reduce the expenses, both
individual and corporate; to buy less and produce more, in or-
der to make farms self-sustaining; to diversify the crops of

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1 members and to crop no more than the members can cultivate;
2 to condense the weight of the members' exports, selling less
3 in the bushel and more on hoof and in fleece; less in lint,
4 and more in warp and woof; to systematize the work of members
5 and calculate intelligently on probabilities; to discountenance
6 the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system, and
7 every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.

8 (d) To meet together, talk together, work together,
9 buy together, sell together, and in general act together for
10 the mutual protection and advancement of members, as occasion
11 may require; to avoid litigation as much as possible by arbi-
12 tration in the Grange; to strive to secure entire harmony, good-
13 will, vital brotherhood among its members and to make the Order
14 perpetual; to suppress personal, local, sectional and national
15 prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and selfish ambition.

16 (e) To bring producers, consumers, farmers and manufac-
17 turers into the most direct and friendly relations possible;
18 to dispense with a surplus of middlemen; to work for the bene-
19 fit of the producer and consumer, and for all other interests
20 that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical
21 contact.

22 (f) To advocate for every State the increase in every
23 practicable way of all facilities for transporting cheaply to
24 the seaboard, or between home producers and consumers, all the
25 productions of our country; to open out the channels in nature's
26 great arteries, that the life-blood of commerce may flow freely.

27 (g) To oppose such spirit and management of any cor-
28 poration or enterprise as tends to oppress the people and rob
29 them of their just profits; to advocate the removal of antago-
30 nism between capital and labor by common consent, and by an
31 enlightened statesmanship worthy of the twentieth century.
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1 (h) To advance the cause of education among its
2 members and their children, by all just means within its
3 power; to advocate for our agricultural and industrial
4 colleges, that practical agriculture, domestic science, and
5 all the arts which adorn the home, be taught in their courses
6 of study; and to do all things formerly done by the State
7 Grange, a voluntary association.

8 3. This corporation from time to time may do any one
9 or more of the acts and things, or carry out any one or more
10 of the purposes herein set forth, and may transact business
11 in the State of California, in other States, in the District
12 of Columbia, in the Districts, Dependencies and Colonies of
13 the United States, and in Foreign Countries.

14 4. That the principal office for the transaction of
15 the business of this corporation is to be located in the
16 County of Sacramento, State of California.

✓ 17 5. That all members of the California State Grange, a
18 voluntary association, at the date hereof, shall be members
19 of the CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, a Corporation.

20 6. That this corporation does not contemplate the distri-
21 bution of gains, profits or dividends to the members thereof.

✓ 22 7. That the organization of the CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE,
23 a corporation, shall be and remain as now existing, until
24 otherwise changed or modified according to the rules and reg-
25 ulations of said Order.

✓ 26 8. That the Constitution of the CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE,
27 a voluntary association, shall be and remain the Constitution
28 of this corporation, until otherwise amended or altered in
29 the mode provided by said instrument.

✓ 30 9. That the present By-Laws of the CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE,
31 a voluntary association, shall constitute the By-Laws of the
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1 corporation hereby created, subject to be altered and amended
2 as provided in the same. That any amendments made to said
3 Constitution and By-Laws shall conform to the Constitution
4 of the United States and of this State.

5 10. That the CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE may hold its
6 annual and call meetings in any County in the State of Cali-
7 fornia, and the proceedings of such meetings shall have the
8 same force and effect in this State, as if said meetings
9 were held and proceedings had in the County of Sacramento.

10 11. That the authorized number and qualifications of
11 members of this corporation, the property, voting and other
12 rights and privileges of membership, and the liability of
13 each to dues or assessments, and the method of collection
14 thereof, shall be set forth in the By-Laws of this Corpora-
15 tion.

16 12. That there shall be five (5) directors; that the
17 names and addresses of the persons who are appointed to
18 act as the first directors are as follows:

19	NAME	ADDRESS
20	George Sehlmeier	2900 Regina Way, Sacramento, California;
21	Celia M. Harding	Route 1 Box 112, Fowler, California;
22	Harry Barnes	53 E. Santa Clara Avenue, San Jose, 23 California;
24	W. L. Smith	Route 1 Box 25, Buttonwillow, California;
25	Merle Mensinger	Escalon, California.

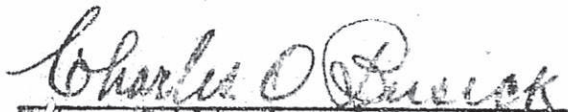
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27 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
28 and seals this 20th day of September, 1946.

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30 W. L. Smith George Sehlmeier
(W. L. Smith) (George Sehlmeier)
31 Merle Mensinger Celia M. Harding
(Merle Mensinger) (Celia M. Harding)
32 Harry Barnes
(Harry Barnes)

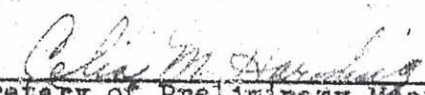
1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) ss.
3 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO)

4 On this 20th day of September, A. D., 1946, before
5 me, CHARLES O. BUSICK, a Notary Public in and for the County
6 of Sacramento, State of California, personally appeared
7 GEORGE SEHLMAYER, CELIA M. HARDING, HARRY BARNES, W. L. SMITH
8 and MERLE MENSINGER, known to me to be the persons named as
9 directors in the within instrument, and whose names are sub-
10 scribed thereto, and severally acknowledged to me that they
11 executed the same.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
13 affixed my official seal at my office in the City of Sacra-
14 mento, County of Sacramento, State of California, the day
15 and year in this certificate first above written.

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18 Notary Public in and for the County
19 of Sacramento, State of California.

20 On motion duly seconded and carried, the Secretary
21 was directed to file the Articles of Incorporation in the
22 Office of the Secretary of State of the State of California,
23 and also file a certified copy of said Articles of Incorporation,
24 duly certified to by said Secretary of State, in the
25 Office of the County Clerk of the County of Sacramento, State
26 of California. There being no further business the meeting
27 adjourned.

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30 Secretary of Preliminary Meeting of Organizers
31 of California State Grange, incorporated.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Sacramento (SS:

On this 1st day of October 1946,
before me, CHARLES O. BUSICK, a Notary Public in
and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commis-
sioned and sworn, personally appeared GEORGE SEHLMAYER
and CELIA M. HARDING, who, being sworn, each for himself,
deposes and says: That the said GEORGE SEHLMAYER

is the Master of California State Grange
and that the said CELIA M. HARDING is the Secretary
of California State Grange. That

California State Grange is an unincorporated
association and that said association has duly authorized its in-
corporation. That George Sehlmeier and

Celia M. Harding have executed these articles
of incorporation in their official capacity and by authority of
such association.

George Sehlmeier
George Sehlmeier
Celia M. Harding
Celia M. Harding

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of
October, 1946.

Charles O. Busick
Notary Public in and for said
County and State

(Seal)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF
Franchise Tax Commissioner

SACRAMENTO 14

October 7, 1946

California State Grange
c/o Busiek and Busiek
604 Bank of America Building
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

RE: Exemption From Franchise Tax

The claim submitted by your organization for exemption from taxation under the Bank and Corporation Franchise Tax Act is approved. Annual franchise tax returns need not be filed unless the character of the organization, its purposes, methods of operation, sources of income, or methods of distribution of its income, be changed. Changes in any of these particulars must be reported promptly to this department.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. J. MCCOLGAN
Franchise Tax Commissioner

By


MILTON A. HUOT
Assistant Tax Counsel

MAH: no

cc - Sec. of State
cc - Russell



I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of 7 page(s) is a full, true and correct copy of the original record in the custody of the California Secretary of State's office.

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Date: _____ *HSD*

Debra Bowen

DEBRA BOWEN, Secretary of State