

Rain-Increasing Effort ' Assured Antelope Valley

LANCASTER, Nov. 21—The Antelope Valley Water Development Corp. has hired a Pasadena concern of "rain increasers" to aid nature in bringing rain to the northern half of Los Angeles County this winter.

The silver iodide method of cloud seeding, making use of portable ground generators, will be used in the hope of producing extra rainfall.

In what is believed to be an unprecedented co-operative action by a large group of farmers, more than 700 individuals have subscribed \$8000 to the rain-increasing fund, according to Blas Gorrindo, West Side rancher, and the new corporation's first president.

Results Encouraging

Suffering from deficient rainfall for the last six years and faced with a series of crop failures the dry land grain farmers of the West Side initiated their own cloud-seeding experiments last year.

Results obtained by local pilots and amateur meteorologists were encouraging enough to indicate that a full-scale effort would pay off.

Enthusiasm for the idea spread over the valley and within a period of two months from the first public meeting, the corporation stands ready to undertake its initial cloud-seeding experiment.

About 25 to 30 cloud-seeding opportunities should occur between now and next May and conditions for the corporation's first attempt may be favored within seven or eight days, Gorrindo said.

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