

**RESOLUTION**  
**of**  
**UPPER COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION**

**re: Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting  
Program of the Soil Conservation Service  
of the Department of Agriculture**

*WHEREAS, for several years the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been the lead agency in the Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program in the eleven western mountain States; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to having responsibility for measuring precipitation and water content of the snowpack on hundreds of snow courses, the Soil Conservation Service has provided a control data receiving and information disseminating system for the entire Western United States, parts of Canada, and the Republic of Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, the information from the Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program is invaluable to a wide spectrum of interests, including water users, such as: industry, municipalities, hydro-power generating agencies, domestic water suppliers, and irrigated agriculture; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Administration through the U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes to phase out the cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program in the Western United States over the next three years starting in fiscal year 1980; and*

*WHEREAS, if the western States are required to formulate and execute snow survey and water supply forecasting programs, more than likely not based upon common parameters, there would be a confusion of uncoordinated, unreliable, controversial programs in which there would be a lack of confidence by users of the snow survey data and water supply forecasts; and*

*WHEREAS, because of the widespread use of the information obtained from the Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program, including users in all the Western United States and parts of Canada and the Republic of Mexico, it is imperative that a single, competent, cooperative agency perform and coordinate this west-wide program which is in the best interests of the nation as well as the region:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Colorado River Commission in its adjourned regular meeting convened in Farmington, New Mexico on this 25th day of May 1979, that it hereby recommends that the Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program be continued as a federal program administered by the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Upper Colorado River Commission is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Secretary of Agriculture, Administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, State Directors of the Soil Conservation Service in the western States, Governors and Congressional Delegations of the member States of the Upper Colorado River Commission, and to other interested entities.*

#### CERTIFICATE

*I, IVAL V. GOSLIN, Executive Director of the Upper Colorado River Commission, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Upper Colorado River Commission at the Adjourned Regular Meeting held in Farmington, New Mexico on May 25, 1979.*

*WITNESS my hand this 29th day of May, 1979.*

*IVAL V. GOSLIN  
Executive Director*