

RESOLUTION
of the
UPPER COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

Re: Cooperative Snow Survey and Water
Supply Forecasting Program of the
Department of Agriculture

WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has operated the Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program (Snow Survey and Forecasting Program) in the eleven western States and has accumulated a substantial and valuable data base for historic snow packs, with some snow courses having been in operation for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program has proven itself to provide invaluable assistance in water planning and management for a wide array of water uses such as: irrigation, municipal and domestic water supplies, industrial, hydroelectric power generation, wildlife management, flood control, water quality, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation Service currently operates 147 snow courses and 78 SNOTEL stations in the Upper Colorado River Basin which provide 86 forecast sites in the Basin; and

WHEREAS, an additional 37 SNOTEL stations have been authorized, but not funded, for the Upper Colorado River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the President's proposed Fiscal Year 1986 Budget would appropriate \$2,637,000 for the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program which is \$1,337,000 less than budgeted in Fiscal Year 1985, and further that Budget calls for the termination of the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program at the end of Fiscal Year 1986 citing that it can be continued by other public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the data and forecasts produced through the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program are utilized by numerous public, private, and foreign organizations so it is essential that the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program be standardized, that a single competent, cooperative agency conduct and coordinate the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program, and that the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program be funded at an appropriate level in order to maintain user reliability and confidence in the Snow Survey and Forecasting Program:

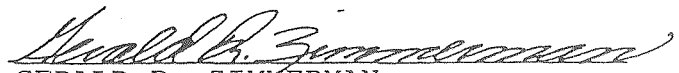
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Colorado River Commission at its Adjourned Regular Meeting convened in Denver, Colorado on this 18th day of April, 1985, that it hereby recommends continuation and full funding of the Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program by the Federal government in not only Fiscal Year 1986 but also in future years, and that this program be continued under the administration of 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, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, the Conservationists for the Soil Conservation Service in the western States, the Governors and congressional delegations of the member States of the Upper Colorado River Commission, and to other interested entities.

CERTIFICATE

I, GERALD R. ZIMMERMAN, Executive Director and Secretary 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 Denver, Colorado on April 18, 1985.

WITNESS my hand this 22nd day of April, 1985.


GERALD R. ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director and Secretary