

RESOLUTION
of
UPPER COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

Re: Continued Funding for Weather Modification Research

WHEREAS, Congress, in the 1968 Colorado River Basin Project Act (Public Law 90-537), recognized that there was insufficient water in the Colorado River Basin to meet the long-term needs of the Basin States, authorized studies of measures to augment the water supplies of the Colorado River, and declared that satisfaction of the water delivery requirements of the Mexican Water Treaty from the Colorado River constitutes a national obligation which shall be the first obligation of any future augmentation project; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Colorado River Commission has supported continued funding for weather modification research by the Bureau of Reclamation's Division of Atmospheric Resources Research in the past; and

WHEREAS, the Governors' representatives of the seven Colorado River Basin States have endorsed the attached "Joint Statement . . . in support of Maintaining and Improving Federal Capability in Precipitation Management Research and Fiscal Year 1990 Funding of \$4.2 million for the Atmospheric Water Resources Management Program of the United States Bureau of Reclamation."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Upper Colorado River Commission, at its Adjourned Regular Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 26, 1989 expresses its support for the attached "Joint Statement" and urges the Congress to provide \$4.2 million in the Fiscal Year 1990 Federal budget for the Bureau of Reclamation to maintain and improve the Federal capability in precipitation management research, to further the transfer of this technology to operational plans, to enable acceptance of State commitments for cooperative applied research programs, and to further the understanding of global climatological changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Upper Colorado River Commission also urges the Congress to obtain appropriate assurance that the Department of the Interior is giving high priority to delineating and implementing, in a timely manner, the most appropriate means of augmenting the Colorado River to satisfy the national obligation of meeting the Mexican Water Treaty, as mandated by the Colorado River Basin Project Act, so as not to diminish the already deficient river supply available to the Basin States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Upper Colorado River Commission is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the members of the congressional delegations of the Upper Colorado River Basin States and the members of the Senate and House Subcommittees on Energy and Water Development of the Committees on Appropriations.

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 its Adjourned Regular Meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 26, 1989.

WITNESS my hand this 27th day of April, 1989.


GERALD R. ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director and Secretary