

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, we believe it to be both desirable and economically sound that all sections of the Colorado Basin should be developed under a unit plan and that such plan should be worked out by a single Engineering Agency, with due regard to the observance of State's rights and interests, we respectfully request the Bureau of Reclamation to include the entire Colorado River drainage basin in Zone 3 with headquarters at Boulder City, Nevada.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, at the call of the Honorable E. P. Carville, Governor of the State of Nevada, there has assembled at Las Vegas, Nevada, on the 12th and 13th days of January, 1945, a conference of delegates of actual water users of the six States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, including representatives of over 77 percent of the water consumed in the Colorado River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the waters of the Colorado River constitute one of the greatest natural resources of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the total water supply of the Colorado River is not sufficient to meet the requirements of known feasible projects in the United States alone, even if there were no allocation to Mexico and, therefore, for every acre of land irrigated in Mexico from the Colorado River, an acre in the United States must perpetually remain barren desert; and

WHEREAS, upon full consideration of the pending treaty between the United States and Mexico, relating to the waters of the Colorado River, it is the opinion of this conference that the treaty betrays the best interests of the Colorado River Basin and of the United States. This opinion is based upon the following grounds:

1. The treaty would give to Mexico without any consideration in return for it, a guaranteed first right to more than twice her just share of Colorado River water and this largesse would cast a cloud on all vested water rights on the River in the United States.

2. It would guarantee to Mexico a fixed amount from the surface flow of the River, without regard to the fluctuations of the available supply, which is wrong in principle, and, on the other hand, it would totally disregard the underground flow of the River, which Mexico would develop and use, although that is a part of the waters of the River and should be so treated.

3. It would donate to Mexico rights in water conservation works in the United States, which must be paid for by American water and power users and which are necessary to make available the water to be delivered to Mexico, and would therefore subsidize water users in Mexico at the expense, not of the United States, but of the citizens of particular communities in the United States.

4. It would permit Mexico to share in revenues from power development on the All-American Canal, which by Federal law and contract belong to local public agencies in the United States.

5. It would require the building by Mexico within five years of a "main diversion structure" or dam across the Colorado River, which structure is not now necessary and which would create a flood and drainage menace to communities in the United States.

6. It would violate the solemn promise of Congress that war veterans should have the preferred right to settle public lands below Boulder Dam and irrigate them with the waters conserved by that dam.

7. It would violate contracts for delivery of water and power made by the United States with its own states and communities and would prevent the United States from performing its own contracts.

8. It would delegate to a Federal Commission, beyond recall, powers of Congress over public works which should remain within the control of Congress.

9. It would set up an arbitrary, dictatorial, two man Commission, with unlimited powers over the economic welfare of millions of American people, each Commissioner being responsible only to the Department of State and not to Congress or the Courts.

10. It would invade the constitutional jurisdiction of the States and federalize waters and irrigation and power works which belong to the States and State agencies.

11. It would give the two commissioners power to enter into, carry out and enforce further agreements, with the approval of the Secretary of State and the Minister of Foreign Relations of Mexico, without the consent of Congress.

12. It would nullify the reservation attached by the United States Senate to the Inter-American Arbitration Treaty of 1929, requiring the approval of the Senate of questions to be arbitrated, by enabling the Commission to settle all disputes and to formulate the "special agreements" defining such questions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in the judgment of this conference, said treaty is not in the interests of the United States or of the Colorado River Basin and that this conference does emphatically oppose its ratification by the United States Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this conference transmit to each member of the United States Senate a certified copy of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this conference continue as a permanent organization, to meet at the call of the chair, and to be known as the Colorado River Water Users Conference, its membership to be open to all water users and organizations of water users in the Colorado River Basin and its affairs to be managed in the interim between meetings by a working committee consisting of

one member from each State in said Basin, elected by the water users of such state here present.

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Certificate

I, A. J. Shaver, Resident Engineer of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Secretary of the COLORADO RIVER WATER USERS CONFERENCE, Do Hereby Certify:

That the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution UNANIMOUSLY adopted at a meeting of said conference held at Las Vegas, Nevada on the 13th day of January, 1945, at which meeting there were in attendance fifty-one (51) delegates from the following States and organizations:

ARIZONA

Salt River Water Users Association  
Gila Valley Irrigation District  
San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District  
Verde Tunnel Reclamation District

COLORADO

Southwestern Colorado Water Conservation District  
La Plata Water Conservation District

CALIFORNIA

State of California  
Colorado River Board of California  
Imperial Irrigation District  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Coachella Valley County Water District  
Palo Verde Irrigation District  
City of San Diego  
City of Los Angeles

NEVADA

The State of Nevada  
Colorado River Commission of Nevada  
Clark County  
City of Las Vegas

UTAH

The Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City  
Provo River Water Users Association  
Virgin Canal Company  
Utah Water Users Association  
Virgin River Water Users Association  
Hurricane Canal Company  
Bench Lake Irrigation Company  
Utah Water Resources Division  
St. George and Washington Canal Company  
La Verkin Canal Company  
City of Hurricane

WYOMING

Green River Development Company

WITNESS my hand this 15th day of January, 1945.

A. J. Shaver  
Secretary

COUNTY OF CLARK:  
: SS.  
STATE OF NEVADA:

On this 16th day of January, A. D. 1945, personally appeared before me, L. O. Hawkins, a Notary Public in and for said County of Clark, A. J. Shaver, known to me to be the Secretary of the Colorado River Water Users Conference, and to be the person described in and who certified to the above and foregoing resolution; who duly acknowledged to me that he signed said certificate as Secretary of said Conference and attached his certificate freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, at my office in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, the day and year in this certificate above written.

L. O. Hawkins  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 4, 1947.

ARIZONA

Sidney Kartus - Member House of Representatives.  
Trustee for Cotter, Arizona Water Users,  
President of Verde Tunnel Recl. District.  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Wm. H. Chester - Consul for Verde Tunnel Recl. District.  
Former Member House of Representatives  
of Arizona.

Northeutt Ely - Special Counsel, Salt River Water Users.

Thomas Maddock - Engineer, Gila Valley Irrig. District.  
Safford, Arizona.

John H. Evans - Gov. Salt River Valley Water Users Ass'n.  
Phoenix

✓ Victor I. Corbell - Gov. S.R.V.W.U.A. Tempe, Arizona

J. A. Sinnott - Gov. S.R.V.W.U.A. Glendale, Arizona

ii Clifford Dobson - Gov. S.R.V.W.U.A. Mesa, Arizona

Carl A. Anderson - District Engineer, San Carlos Irr.  
drainage Dist. Coolidge, Arizona.

Milton G. Sanders - Central Arizona Light & Power Phoenix.

COLORADO

Archie B. Tower - Director, Southwestern Water Cons. Dist.  
Durango, Colorado

✓ D. W. Sexton - Secretary, Southwestern Water Cons. Dist.

E. H. Bader - Secretary, LaPlata Water Cons. Dist.  
Durango, Colorado

CALIFORNIA

Harry W. Horton - El Centro, Attorney for Imperial Irriga-  
tion Dist. and Advisor to Colo. River  
Board of California.

A.D. Edmonston - Deputy State Engineer, Sacramento

Edward Hyatt - State Engineer Sacramento

N. H. Jensen - Colo. River Board of California

Julian Hinds - Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.

C. C. Elder - " " " " " "

Arvin B. Shaw Jr. - Assistant Attorney Gen. of California

C. P. Denny - Dir. Imperial Irrig., Dist. of Calif.

B. F. Grubel - Director, Imperial Irrig. Dist. of  
El Centro.

✓ Evan T. Howes - Chairman, Colo. River Board of California  
Pres. Imperial Irrig. Dist. El Centro.

NEVADA

Harvey Dickerson - Kiwanis Club, Las Vegas  
 Oscar W. Bryan - Lions Club, Las Vegas  
 Edwin J. Dotson Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce  
 A. J. Shaver - Res. Engineer, Colorado River Com. of Nevada  
 ✓ Alfred Merritt Smith - Nevada State Engineer  
 Allan Bible - Attorney General, State of Nevada  
 Mrs. Florence B. Bovett - Exec. Secy, Nevada State Farm Bureau.  
 A. O. Bashain - Nevada State Farm Bureau  
 Mattie Giasson - Las Vegas Tribune  
 F. O. Case - Las Vegas Rotary Club  
 Carl L. Hyde - Man. Dir. Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce  
 Ira J. Earl - Chairman, Clark County Commissioners  
 Ed. W. Clark - Colorado River Commission of Nevada  
 George B. Maxey - Las Vegas  
 A. C. Grant - Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

UTAH

✓ Fisher Harris - Attorney, Met. Water Dist. of Salt Lake City.  
 Director of Provo River Water Users Ass'n.  
 ✓ Chauncey Sandberg - Mayor, Hurricane, Utah  
 Burloy M. Jones - Virgin, Utah. Pres. Virgin Canal Co.  
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 LeRoy H. Cox - Attorney, Chairman Virgin River Water Users Ass'n.  
 St. George, Utah.  
 Gene Wadsworth - Pres. Hurrican Canal Co. and Pres. Bench Lake  
 Irrig. Co. Hurricane, Utah  
 Lawrence Wadsworth - St. George, Utah. Vice. Chairman Utah Water  
 Resources Division.  
 Ray S. Schmutz - Secy. St. George & Washington Canal Co.  
 J. M. Ballard, Secy. Hurricane Canal Co.  
 Wayne Wilson - LaVerkin, Utah. Pres. Canal Co.  
 Merrill Hinton - Secy. Bench Lake Irr. Co. Hurricane, Utah

WYOMING

✓ Perry W. Jenkins - Ex-Mgr. Geen River Dev. Co., Cora Wyo.  
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 Farm Bureau Federation.  
 Pres. Big Horn Basin Water Users  
 Worland, Wyoming.