This year marks the 100th anniversary of our state and the 200th anniversary of our nation. We have much to be proud of, none the least of which is the fact that early leaders have utilized our precious water resources for the benefit and enjoyment of mankind. We stand in awe at many of the great accomplishments of the past century, and we wonder how it all came about. Let us remember that these great achievements were the result of great hardship and effort by men and women of determination, persistence and vision. They are the result of long forgotten debate and controversy, of give and take, and of frustration and joy. To those great leaders, who have helped make this the great land it is today, we offer our Centennial Salute!!!

COLORADO WATER CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

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RECORD TURNOUT EXPECTED AT CWC MEETING

A record turnout of agricultural, municipal and industrial water users is expected at the 1976 Colorado Water Congress Annual Meeting, All Water Users Banquet, and Municipal and Industrial Water Use Symposium, February 18-19, at the Executive Towers Inn, Downtown Denver.

The theme of the three-event program is ENOUGH WATER FOR ALL USES. Water users may register for all or any of the functions of their choosing.

CWC Vice President and Convention Chairman L. Richard Bratton, Gunnison, said that nearly every governmental agency involved in water will be represented at the meeting. In addition, he said, diverse water users from every corner of the state will be in attendance. He said the convention theme and format is designed to emphasize the importance of planning, communications and coordination if we are to insure enough water for all uses in Colorado's second 100 years.

Banquet speaker will be John C. Fultz, former Deputy Under Secretary for Congressional Liaison and newly appointed Assistant Administrator for Foreign Market Development, USDA, Washington, D.C. The subject of his talk will be, "Colorado's Role in Providing for the Nation and the World's Food and Fibre Needs."

All water users are invited to attend. ALL ARE URGED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO AID IN ARRANGEMENTS PLANNING. MEAL FUNCTION TICKETS MAY BE LIMITED. Convention schedules and registration information is enclosed with the newsletter.

160 Sign Telegram Petition

One hundred sixty persons signed the CWC telegram petition to the National Commission on Water Quality requesting a delay in the closing dates for public comment on its $17 million, 1,000 page draft report, and asking for an additional public hearing in the Rocky Mountain area.

Signatures were obtained by postcards which were enclosed with the January 1976 edition of the CWC Newsletter. CWC Executive Director Fred Caruso said the response to the postcard petition was excellent, especially since there was no explanation of the petition or the postcard in the newsletter.
The text of the telegram petition stated: "We endorse the Colorado Water Congress request for additional public hearings on the National Commission on Water Quality Draft Report and for an extension of time for public comment on the 1,000 page document. We believe strongly that a report of such importance, produced at a cost of 17 million dollars in taxpayer funds, over a 2 1/2 year period, should provide for adequate citizen participation. Copies of the report were not received by our members prior to December 30. The January 10--19 hearings did not allow sufficient time for preparation and travel. We also object to the lack of hearings in the Rocky Mountain region. We feel our special water user problems were not adequately considered." 1/26/76

Caruso said he felt the petition was important as a means of dramatizing citizen concern for the lack of lead time allowed for review of the document.

POLICY STATEMENT DRAFTED----REVIEWED BY RULES COMMITTEE

A preliminary statement on the NCWQ report has been drafted and circulated to all 19 members of the CWC Rules Committee for approval.

The drafting committee was comprised of Jack Ross, Colorado's Director to NWRA; John Sayre, CWC and NWRA Resolutions Committee Chairman; Ralph Adkins, CWC Secretary-Treasurer, and Fred Caruso, with review and suggestions by Ralph Moses, legal consultant to the Colorado State Water Conservation Board. The drafting was initiated at the request of the CWC Executive Committee at its meeting in Denver on January 14.

Jack Ross, speaking for the committee, said the key points stressed in the statement are: 1) that the NCWQ staff failed to make strong or meaningful recommendations to the U.S. Congress for "mid-course corrections" in PL 92-500 as they were mandated to do, and 2) the staff failed to allow sufficient time for public review of the document. He said the committee has suggested 18 specific goals which should be incorporated into the report as recommendations for legislative change in PL 92-500.

Copies of the final statement as filed with the NCWQ and the Congressional Delegation are available on request by writing: Colorado Water Congress, 328 Livestock Exchange Building, Denver, Colorado 80216 or phone 303-573-8572.

EPA REGULATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF PERMIT PROGRAM

EPA regulations promulgated under PL 92-500 for the control of agricultural pollution and irrigation return flows by permit are expected to be published by Feb. 15 in the Federal Register.

The EPA had previously exempted agricultural runoff from farms of less than 3,000 acres from the permit requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), but the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, in the case of Russell Train vs. Environmental Defense Council, ordered the EPA to extend its permit program to include all runoff, regardless of farm size.

These regulations will be a featured topic at the CWC Annual Convention, at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19. EPA officials will discuss their impact on irrigated agriculture and on the EPA operation. Convention attendees may well be the first Colorado water users to see and review the regulations.
NEWS IN BRIEF AROUND THE STATE

ROCKY FORD—The city council recently decided to explore possibilities for financing a $4 million project which will include the complete rebuilding of the water processing plant at about $1,700,000; installation of 8 inch loop lines to create adequate water pressure over the whole town at $500,000; replacement of 4-inch water lines at $800,000; replacement of 6-inch water lines at $800,000 and a new line from city owned wells near the river at a cost of $200,000. Financing the $4 million on a 40 year payout could be accomplished by doubling the water rates.

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LEADVILLE—The release of approximately 10,000 acre feet of water from Turquoise Lake for storage in Pueblo Reservoir was recently completed as part of a program of winter storage which brings water 150 miles down the Arkansas River on a 36-hour long trip. The special releases from the Turquoise was begun in November to boost storage in the Pueblo Reservoir from the 30,000 acre pool which had been maintained for the past year to 41,000 acre feet. The water releases made the water level at Pueblo about seven feet deeper than it was before the releases began.

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DOLORES—Funding for the Dallas Creek water project in southwestern Colorado was set at $871,000 for fiscal 1976 by House and Senate Conferees. This is midway between the $1,271,000 approved by the House and $471,000 approved by the Senate. This will allow for the purchase of land and rights of way. The Dallas Creek project will consist of two earth-fill dams and a network of canals and pumping stations. One dam on the Uncompahgre River will create the Ridgway Reservoir north of Ridgway and one across Pleasant Valley Creek to the west of Ridgway to form Dallas Divide Reservoir. The project is sponsored by the Tri-County Water Conservancy District which serves Ouray, Delta and Montrose counties. The current estimated cost of the project is $66,180,000.

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DENVER—FRANK MILENSKI, La Junta, was honored here recently by the 4-States Irrigation Council for outstanding service to irrigated agriculture. He was Colorado’s recipient of the 4-State’s HEADGATE AWARD FOR CIVIC SERVICE TO IRRIGATION.

FRANK MILENSKI, a native of the Arkansas Valley, has led a distinguished life of public service and has been continually involved in the promotion of agriculture. He presently owns and operates, with one of his sons, a 700 acre farming and livestock feeding operation in the Arkansas Valley. He was a member of the Colorado Conservation Board for 8 years, and has served on the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Board since its beginning in 1958 and is presently one of its three charter board members. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Catlin Canal Company for 30 years and president for the last 10 years.

Frank served in the Arkansas Valley Ditch Association for many years, including 7 years as president. He helped develop the 1948 Arkansas River Compact, and was on the Negotiating Committee for Operating Principals for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. He has served on the South Swink Water Company Board since its beginning 15 years ago. In addition, he has served his community on the Fairmount Drainage Board, the East Otero Soil Conservation Board, the Fairview School Board, and the Arkansas Valley Fair Board.

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DENVER—The Denver Board of Water Commissioners recently approved a 20 per cent increase in water rates and a 50 per cent increase for residential connections to the system. The rate increase will add about $18 to the annual bill for an average Denver household and $24 to the average suburban household. Tap fees will jump from $750 to $1,125 inside Denver and from $1,050 to $1,575 in the suburbs.
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Weds., Feb. 18 Continued.....

3:45 p.m.: TOWARD DEFINING COMMON APPROACHES TO COMMON PROBLEMS. Discussion of mutual problems and plan of action which might help insure enough water for all uses.

4:30 p.m.: Adjourn to Informal Discussion.

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Wednesday, February 18
ALL WATER USER BANQUET AND RECEPTION

6:00 p.m.: PERCOLATION AND RUNOFF SESSION. All Water User Reception and Cash Bar Mixer.

7:30 p.m.: ALL WATER USER BANQUET--Recognition of honored guests. Speaker is:

JOHN C. FULTZ, former Deputy Under Secretary for Congressional Liaison, USDA, now Asst. Administrator for Foreign Market Development, USDA, Washington, D.C.

COLORADO AGRICULTURE'S ROLE IN PROVIDING FOR THE NATION AND THE WORLD'S FOOD AND FIBER NEEDS.

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CWC Rules Committee meets, beginning at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, to consider resolutions and policy matters to be brought to the floor at the business session. Executive Towers Inn, room to be announced.

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Please register in advance to aid the committee and the hotel in making final arrangements and to be assured of meal tickets. Tickets will be limited and sold on a first come, first serve basis. Send form to Colorado Water Congress, 328 Livestock Exchange Bldg., Denver, CO 80216 Phone: 303-573-8572

Thursday, February 19, 1976
1976 ANNUAL MEETING, COLORADO WATER CONGRESS

8:45 a.m.: WELCOME. Opening remarks by CWC President. A brief look at the year past and a year ahead.


9:45 a.m.: AGRICULTURAL WATER USE IN GOVERNMENTAL PERSPECTIVE. A panel of governmental agencies discuss their role in the conservation, protection and development of water resources, with emphasis on their impact on agricultural water use, past, present and future.

11:00 a.m.: SECTION 404 DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers explains their permit requirements and its impact on irrigated agriculture.


12:30: HONORS AND AWARDS LUNCHEON. Introduction of new officers. Awards. Special program is:

A CENTENNIAL--BICENTENNIAL SALUTE TO COLORADO'S WATER USERS. A special historical presentation on the Colorado Water Congress and the State of Colorado and its water.

2:00 p.m.: PROPOSED EPA AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF PERMIT PROGRAM. An explanation of Regulations as printed in the Federal Register (Feb. 15) by EPA Officials. Review and analysis of the impact on irrigated agriculture in the arid west.

Continued.........
2:50 p.m.: SECTION 208 PLANNING. WHAT IT CAN OR CANNOT DO FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER USERS. What is 208. How does agriculture get involved? Should it be supported? How?

3:30 p.m.: PLANNING TO INSURE ENOUGH WATER FOR ALL USES. A look at a problem situation and how it is being resolved. A situation where groundwater reserves are being exhausted by competing water users.

4:15 p.m.: Adjournment

For the Ladies....

Thursday, A.M., February 19th--9 to 11 a.m.

Coffee Hour Social and Special Colorado Centennial Historical Program.

Ladies invited and encouraged to attend the Centennial--Bicentennial Salute Luncheon.

The Ladies Social Hour, Centennial Program, and Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. for only $10

Registration Information:

Meal Tickets will be sold separately:

- Luncheon Tickets Cost $7.50 each
- Banquet Tickets Cost $10.00 each

Registration:
- M & I Symposium.......$12.50 (Feb. 18)
- CWCC Annual Meeting....$12.50 (Feb. 19)
- Both Programs...........$20.00 (18 & 19)
- Ladies Program with Lunch...$10.00

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Colorado Water Congress 1976 Convention

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Executive Towers Inn, Downtown Denver, Colorado

Wednesday, February 18, 1976

MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER USE SYMPOSIUM

9:00 a.m.: Session Opens, Welcome to Delegates!

9:15 a.m.: COLORADO WATER IN PERSPECTIVE--An overview of water use patterns in Colorado.

9:40 a.m.: INDUSTRIAL WATER USE--A Diversity of Needs and Usage. A panel of industrial water users describe their needs, problems and uses.

10:30 a.m.: MUNICIPAL WATER USE IN COLORADO--A Diversity of Problems of Quality, Supply and Finance. A panel of municipal water users describe their situation and ways of facing water problems now and ahead.

11:15 a.m.: WATER USE CONFLICT--A problem situation in El Paso County over domestic vs. agricultural water use and how competing users are trying to resolve it to insure enough water for all uses.


1:30 p.m.: GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY INVOLVEMENT IN MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER USE--What the EPA, Bureau of Reclamation, SCS, Corps of Engineers, and other state and federal agencies have to offer.

2:45 p.m.: SECTION 208 PLANNING--WHAT IT CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR M & I WATER USERS. A look at major 208 studies in Colorado.
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...Agency Views of M&I Water Now and Ahead
...Section 208 Planning for Water Quality
...Joint M&I Luncheon

2) CWC RECEPTION AND ALL WATER USERS BANQUET

...Featuring John C. Fultz, USDA, Foreign Market Development, on "Colorado Agriculture's Role In Providing for the Nation and the World's Food and Fiber Needs."

3) CWC ANNUAL MEETING

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1) M&I Symposium Registration
Feb. 18 @ $12.50 each............

2) Joint Water User Luncheon
Feb. 18 @ $7.50 each.............

3) All Water User Banquet @10.00....

4) CWC Annual Meeting Registration
Feb. 19 @12.50 each...............  

5) Centennial Salute Luncheon
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6) Ladies Program, Feb. 19,
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