'404 Amendments Die in Congress

Two controversial amendments to Sec. 404 of PL 92-500 (Dredge and Fill Permit Provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972) died quietly in conference committee in the final hours of the 94th Congress.

The "Wright Amendment", which was approved by the House by a wide margin, would have limited the Corps of Army Engineers' authority to issue "dredge and fill" permits only to traditional navigable streams and rivers, thus essentially eliminating other activities such as agricultural projects from the program. The "Baker-Randolph Amendment", which passed the Senate by only one vote (and only after a reconsideration vote at that), would have transferred the permit authority from the Corps of Engineers to the Environmental Protection Agency on all streams other than the traditional navigable rivers. Municipal and agricultural water users strongly favored the Wright amendment.

Colorado Senator Gary Hart, who did not vote on the issue when it reached the Senate floor last month, was a member of the conference committee in which both measures died. Senator Hart favored the Baker-Randolph amendment, which was similar to his own amendment which was not approved in committee earlier this summer.

CWC Planning Retreat Is October 23-24

The Colorado Water Congress Planning Retreat to be held at Keystone Lodge on Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24, will be open to all interested in participating, according to CWC President L. Richard Bratton, Gunnison. Keystone is near Lake Dillon, about 60 miles west of Denver.

The purpose of the two-day program is to evaluate past and present CWC activities and to develop a plan for the Colorado Water Congress for 1977, 1978 and 1981. The program format is found at the top of page two. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Almost everyone agreed that the Corps of Engineers should not have authority to issue permits under the 404 "Dredge and Fill" permit program in other than navigable waters. Even the Corps of Engineers is said to have voiced opposition to being given the responsibility. Environmentalist pressure groups and irresponsible governmental agencies have already demonstrated that the cumbersome and costly permit procedure can be used successfully to stop or delay projects for reasons other than water quality considerations for which the program was developed. The Baker-Randolph amendment, which transfers the permit program from one agency to another while exempting most normal agricultural activities, was favored by the environmentalists. No one knows for sure what will happen next.
The Colorado Water Congress Planning Retreat, which will be open to everyone, will be at Keystone Lodge and will be conducted under the following general format:

Saturday, Oct. 23: 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Committees meet to evaluate past and present activities, alternatives, etc. and to develop priorities and recommendations for 1977 and years ahead. The committees are: Government Relations (State and National); Education; Internal Communications, Membership Development and Membership Services; and Committee on NWRA and Organizational Relationships. Social program from 6 to 7 p.m. Attendees will essentially choose their assignments.

Sunday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., CWC Executive Committee meets to review recommendations with committees, to establish overall priorities, and to develop program policy resolutions, in cooperation with the committees, to be reviewed by the Rules Committee and the Membership at the annual convention in February. Executive Committee will also cover normal business agenda.

THE PLANNING RETREAT IS INTENDED TO BE A WORKING SOCIAL EVENT. THE CWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OFFICERS, KEYMEN, AND GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR FAMILIES. KEYSTONE RESORT IS OFFERING EXTREMELY FAVORABLE MEETING RATES FOR THIS PROGRAM FOR BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS ($23 for single, $26 for entire family, luxury rooms). For reservations or details contact the CWC at 779-0693.

22 Participate in People-to-People Tour

Twenty two members of the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association participated in a three-week "people-to-people" tour of Europe this past summer to promote world understanding among those sharing similar occupations and problems. Eight delegates were from Colorado.

Kenneth J. Miller, director of planning-water resources for the Denver Board of Water Commissioners, coordinator of the program and official "delegate leader (host)", said tour plans began in late 1974 and early 1975. The "People-to-People" program was started in 1957 by President Eisenhower to promote the exchange of people in various fields under an arrangement outside of the government. Delegates pay their own expenses and travel on their own time.

Tour participants traveled to Madrid, Spain; Rome, Italy; Moscow, Russia; Lenningrad, Russia; Frankfort, Germany; Paris, France, and London, England. They spent about three days in each city with approximately 60% of their time devoted to meeting counterparts and 40% devoted to tourist activity. According to Miller, all delegates found the program to be very educational and a very broadening experience.

Attending from Colorado were: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dougan, Dougan Construction Co., Denver; Mr. & Mrs. S.E. Hobbs, Mid-Continent Engineers, Broomfield; Colvin Cross, Water Quality Chemist, Ft. Collins; H.F. Kepner, Kepner Water Works Co. (manufacturer's agent), Denver; Mr. & Mrs. Glen Saunders, water lawyer, Denver; Mr. & Mrs. James B. Warner, J.M. Warner Co. (water works equipment), Denver; Dr. & Mrs. Walter A. Weers, university professor, University of Colorado, Boulder; and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Miller, Denver Board of Water Commissioners, Director of Planning-Water Resources.
Preveiw of NWRA Convention

TENTATIVE PROGRAM NWRA CONVENTION

Place: Portland Hilton, Portland, Ore.

NOVEMBER 7
Board of Directors meeting
Registration: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8
Registration: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and daily thereafter.
Special pre-convention Coastal Tour departing in the morning for Astoria and Cannon barbeque at Seaside. Route is along scenic Columbia River.

NOVEMBER 9
Another especially arranged all-day field trip featuring the Tualatin Project/Agric­­business, Willamette Valley, with visit to modern food processing plant at Salem, Oregon. Option of taking Portland Harbor Tour and lunch at an extra charge of $7.

NOVEMBER 10
GENERAL SESSIONS
Caucuses, all States, 8 a.m.
Morning Session: 9:15 a.m.
Hon. Neil Goldschmidt, Mayor of Portland
Hon. Robert Straub, Governor of Oregon
John A. Rosholt, President of NWRA
Water Users Committee panel under chair­man Reid Teeples
Luncheon, 12 noon
Hon. Al Ullman, Representative of the 2nd District, Oregon
"Water Projects — A Continuing National Responsibility" Afternoon Session, 2 p.m.
State Association Executives panel under chair­man John Fraser
1980 NWRA Convention bidders
NOVEMBER 11
Caucuses, all States, 8 a.m.
Morning Session: 9:30 a.m.
Film showing
Eric Eldsness, consultant on environmental matters
Grass roots report to members of Congress including Representatives Harold T. Bizz Johnson, Calif.; James C. Wright, Tex., and others, on the state of water resources programs and on problems. De­­legates opportunity to "sound-off." Luncheon, 12 noon
Speaker to be announced

Afternoon Session: 2 p.m.
Gilbert G. Stamm, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation and General Graves, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Marvin Shearer, Oregon State University, speaking on efficiency of water use
NWRA Committee Meetings: 4 p.m.
Evening, 7 p.m.
All States Banquet: Congressman James C. Wright, Texas, speaker

Ullman To Address NWRA Convention

Congressman Al Ullman, representative of the 2nd District, Oregon, and one of the most powerful members in the House as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, will address the opening session luncheon of the 45th annual convention of NWRA in Portland.

Oregon's 2nd Congressional District is one of the largest in the Nation, covering more area than any state east of the Mississippi River. More than half the land in the District is Federally owned, and Ullman is the author of an array of legislation designed to improve natural resource use and management by the Federal Government. His legislation has added thousands of acres to Oregon's irrigable land base and encouraged development in rural regions.

Congressman Ullman, a Democrat, was first elected to the House in 1956 to serve in the 85th Congress. During his first two terms he was a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and then in 1961 he moved to the Committee on Ways and Means. In January 1975 he succeeded Wilbur Mills as Chairman of this Committee.

In 1972 Congressman Ullman was instrumental in creating the Joint Study Committee on the Budget and was elected the first Chairman of the new House Committee on the Budget in 1974. He stepped down to assume his present post.

Portland, "City of Roses" To Host NWRA Convention

Portland, Oregon, which is hosting the annual convention of NWRA November 8-12, is a world port of the Pacific, famous for its eternal springtime.

The "City of Roses," as it is known, is the state's largest community, serving a trading area of 1,050,000 people. It is within sight of 17,000 foot Mt. Hood to the east and 90 minutes away from the spectacular 400 mile Oregon coast to the west.
National Water Resources Association

45th Annual Convention
PORTLAND, OREGON - NOVEMBER 7-12, 1976

REGISTRATION AND TICKET REQUEST

| Members Registration Package—Includes all Convention functions: Monday & Tuesday tours; Wednesday & Thursday luncheons, All-States banquet, & registration fee | @ $106.00 | $106.00 |
| Above Packaged Registration—prior to Oct. 8 | @ $98.00 | $98.00 |
| Ladies Early Package—Includes Monday and Tuesday tours, Wednesday event and banquet | @ $45.00 | $45.00 |
| Registration fee only (Note: Wives and honorary members do not pay registration fee, but do pay for all convention activities.) | @ $53.00 | $53.00 |
| Individual Events and Costs | | |
| Monday—Coastal Tour and Lunch | @ $14.50 | $14.50 |
| Tuesday—Tualatin Project / Agri-business Tour and Lunch | @ $12.50 | $12.50 |
| Tuesday—Harbor Tour/Lunch (limited) | @ $19.50 | $19.50 |
| Wednesday—NWRA Luncheon | @ $7.50 | $7.50 |
| Thursday—NWRA Luncheon | @ $7.50 | $7.50 |
| Thursday—All-States Banquet | @ $11.00 | $11.00 |
| Ladies Wednesday Event | @ $12.00 | $12.00 |
| TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED | | |

FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name (print or type) ...........................................
Affiliation ..................................................
Address ..................................................
City .................................................. State  City
Wife attending? Yes ☐ No ☐ First Name ...............

Mail check, with form, for registration and tickets payable to: NWRA Portland Convention, P.O. Box 638, Portland, Ore., 97208. No refunds.

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS—

Name ........................................... Number in party
Address ..................................................
City ........................................ State  Zip Code
Arrival Date .................. Hour: .................. Departure Date .......... Hour: ...........
DESİRED ACCOMMODATION: ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Twin ☐ 1 BR Suite ☐ 2 BR Suite. Rate: Minimum ............. Maximum ...........
HOTEL PREFERENCE (Enter 1, 2 etc. in box): ☐ Hilton: 1 person—$19-$36; 2 persons—$29-$46; ☐ Paramount-Heathman: 1 person—$13-$19; 2 persons—$16-$22; ☐ Congress Hotel: 1 person—$14; 2 persons—$18; ☐ Portland Motor Hotel: 1 person—$20; 2 persons—$23

No Deposit Necessary—Mail to Housing Bureau, Portland Chamber of Commerce, 824 S.W. Fifth St., Portland, Ore. 97204, and confirmation will be sent direct from hotel.

CONVENTION HOTELS

Four hotels in downtown Portland, all within easy walking distance of each other, are prepared to accommodate 1000-1200 delegates to the 45th annual convention of NWRA in November.

The 23 story Portland Hilton, with its numerous restaurants, shops, and ample parking, will serve as the headquarters of the convention. Four hundred rooms will be available for delegates.

Across the street from the Hilton is the Congress Hotel. It has 125 rooms, dining room and lounge, and friendly service awaiting each guest.

Another hotel, Paramount Heathman, is located only one block away from the Hilton. It has two street level restaurants and a lounge. 150 rooms have been set aside for members of NWRA, who can expect western style hospitality.

The fourth hotel is the Portland Motor Hotel which offers free underground parking, a fine restaurant and lounge for its guests. It is a few short blocks away from convention headquarters and has 60 rooms available.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce's Convention Housing Bureau will be handling all room requests for this convention through their office at 824 S.W. Fifth St., Portland, Oregon, 97204.

The Colorado Delegation will meet daily at 8:00 a.m. to review proposals. All persons are welcome and urged to attend the NWRA Convention. Colorado will host the 1979 Convention in Denver.
E.P.A. Proposes Relaxed Standards
For Waste Stabilization Ponds

The E.P.A. has proposed an amendment to regulations which defines the degree of removal of pollutants required of waste stabilization ponds to meet the July 1977 minimum secondary treatment requirements.

The proposed amendment calls for a relaxing of standards which would enable many small communities to gain compliance with minimum treatment requirements without having to invest enormous sums of money to replace their stabilization ponds with mechanical waste treatment processes. If the proposed regulations are adopted, a variance in the discharge permits for ponds could be awarded based on statewide or regional criteria. That determination would be made by the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII, in Denver.

If adopted, a significant financial and legal burden could be lifted from thousands of small communities around the nation and many in Colorado, while still achieving the National Water Quality goals. Those wishing to comment should write to Alvin L. Alm, U.S.E.P.A., WSMW 1013, Waterside Mall, 401 M. Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, by November 1, 1976.

N.W.R.A. SEEKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Colorado's NWRA Director JACK ROSS, is seeking volunteers to assume committee assignments with the national organization. Members are needed for a committee to work on: Federal flood insurance, 208 water quality planning, flood plain management and water efficiency.

Membership on NWRA Committees would require attendance at the NWRA Convention and perhaps one other meeting during the year and a willingness to spend time reading about the subject matter or in occasional correspondence. Interested volunteers should contact Jack Ross, NWRA Director for Colorado, 802 Capitol Life Center, 225 East 16th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80203, or call 861-8200.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR MT. ELBERT GENERATOR-MOTOR

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced the award of a $2,582,070 contract for the second generator-motor unit for the Mt. Elbert pumped-storage hydroelectric powerplant in Colorado to Hitachi America, Ltd. of San Francisco, Calif. The contract calls for the manufacture, installation and testing of a vertical shaft, hydraulic-operated generator motor for the second of two reversible pumping-generating units, which will produce 200-megawatts of peaking power for customers throughout Colorado.

The Mt. Elbert pumped-storage powerplant, a feature of the Bureau of Reclamation's Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, is under construction near Leadville. The first of its two pumping-generating units is scheduled to go into service in the fall of 1977. The second unit will go into service in 1981. The pumped-storage operation will feature an upper and lower reservoir, with the powerplant in between. During periods of greatest demand for electricity, water will be released from the upper reservoir to the lower, generating electricity as it passes through the powerplant. At night, when the demand is low, the powerplants reversible pumping-generating units will pump water from the lower reservoir back to the upper reservoir using lower cost electricity supplied by the plant's daytime customers.
CALANDAR of COMING EVENTS


---November 8-12, National Water Resources Assn. 45th Annual Convention, Portland Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

---November 17-18, Colorado Water Conservation Board Meeting, Denver. To review the progress of Reclamation Projects and 12 projects involving the use of the CWCB construction fund.

---November 17-19, Colorado Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts Annual Convention.


---January 13-14, 1977, Four-States Irrigation Council Annual Convention, Downtown Holiday Inn, Denver.

---February 16-17, 1977, Colorado Water Congress 1977 Annual Convention, Denver Hilton Hotel. Theme: "Water to Advance Colorado"


If you wish to have your organization's water-related meetings on the Calendar of Events, please contact CWC at the address below or call 779-0693.

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