April 8, 1993

Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, Colorado 81050

Dear Mr. Milenski,

Thank you very much for your willingness to accept another term as Director of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Board. A copy of the order of appointment is enclosed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many years of excellent service you have provided to the District and to the water community. It is gratifying to know that we can count on you to continue this service in the future.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

John R. Tracey
Chief Judge
Tenth Judicial District

JRT:kd

Enclosure
Enclosed are the proofs of the photographs taken at the Lamar meeting of the Arkasas River Compact.

Black and whites of these poses have been sent to Mr. Bob Cooley, Meeker, Colorado. These B&W prints are going to be used for publicity, feature stories, etc. They have been paid for by the Compact.

Now for the good news:

We have enclosed a proof copy of the portraits. Finished portraits can be purchased from these, either in Black and White for publicity or business use, or Color Portraits for the family. Like most men, it is hard to get them in front of a camera, but when they turn out this good, you might consider a purchase at this time.

Black and whites are good for newspaper use, promotions, business cards, etc.

How long has it been since you have given a personal portrait to your mother, even your wife? Would appreciate that 16x20" FOR THE LIVING ROOM AND BEDROOM.....

AS A SPECIAL INCENTIVE, you may deduct 25% from the prices listed on our enclosed price list.

We pay POSTAGE/SHIPPING WHEN REMITTANCE IS ENCLOSED WITH ORDER.
The cost of the setting covers the services of the studio in the actual taking of the portraits, in the materials used, such as film, proofing material, and the steps preliminary to the final printing . . . it includes photographers time, lab time and the retouching of any one negative. It does not include any photographs. COST IS PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SETTING.

PORTAIT SETTING #1: An identification setting, basic head and shoulders. 3-4 proofs shown for your selection.
Natural Color or Black & White Proofs - $10.00

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Natural Color or Black & White Proofs - $25.00

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Larger groups together - Natural Color - $20.00

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Family groups outdoors - Natural Color - $25.00

This is a fine grade of color portraits. Hand retouching and spotting is done on each portrait, using both dye and glazing methods. The surface is screened and texturized in a lustre finish. Portraits are delivered (3x5, 5x7, 8x10) in folders. Larger sizes are mounted and ready for framing.

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Frank Milenstii
23064 Rd BB
La Junta, Co.
81050
January 26, 1985

U.S. Representative Hank Brown
Washington U.S. Congress
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Hank:

I write to you as an old farmer. I do not have any qualms about doing away with subsidies - they never should have happened. Since they have been a part of farming since Roosevelt, maybe it would be better if something could be worked out in the line of marketing of farm commodities; numbers of cattle, hogs, and poultry are good insurance of a well-fed American people. It is pounds of the products that peak the market. Marketing livestock at lighter weights will keep market glut down. Instead of 225 lb. hogs, 200 lb. hogs. Packers can and would learn to live with it. When I was a kid, 180 lb. hogs were number one. You don't have to finish cattle at 1,200 lbs. or more, certainly they are edible at 900 lbs. to 1,050 lbs. Packers have set the pace high, dressing percentage dollars are involved.

Agriculture is in a self-destructive state; to survive you increase yields of excess products. Last year we had about 150 acres of corn at 156 bushels per acre. This year we had 150 acres of corn at 197 bushels per acre. Add on 6,000 bushels and a 1983 price of $6.40 cwt. and a price yesterday, 1985, of $5.40 cwt., we got $36.62 for producing 41 bushels per acre more. The costs of fertilizer and side dressing were at least $50.00 more per acre to produce excess corn at a much lower selling value.

Give us tools to control marketing sales or production controls. You know farmers are independent and hard headed to their own detriment. All the farm organizations, diversified as they are, should speak with one voice about what is good for agriculture, not what will keep individual kingdoms alive for their special interest.

I say let anyone grow what they want, limit marketing to his share of the market. Surely 100% of what it takes to feed the people should have a profit to the producer. That is the American way. If you have over 100% production, the commodity is worth very little so the whole commodity is worth that part over 100%. The American farmer has subsidized the American housewife for as long as I can remember. We used to grow sugar beets under the Jones Costigan Bill. Government made money off a sugar tax after paying farmers a subsidy, they had about $40,000,000 for the treasury.
The United States has become the dumping grounds for common market excess after their farmers are subsidized by their countries. The strong dollar has all but killed much of U.S. farm trade. The truth is that Europeans have out-smarted the hell out of us. (Older and wiser I think.) Politicians have always wanted cheap food for American people - re-election made easier. The Wage and Hour Act subsidized all labor, top to bottom. Stamps 2¢ to 22¢, who is subsidizing the American people for the postal department? To be fair about it, let all citizens have an open market, labor included. Won't work will it!

The food will win the war and write the peace. During the war years agriculture answered the call. I remember ceiling price on hogs at 13¢ a pound, 17¢ a pound on live beef. We geared up the most productive farmers in the world. What has it brought to us? Inflation, the cruelest monster of all, ate everyone up. High interest rates will devour what is left. No longer can you farm and produce on a shoestring. The costs of machinery are up 600 to 1,000%. Why did International Harvester go broke - priced themselves out of business. Has labor really benefitted themselves by helping to set the price? Fuel, who manipulated it to where a big tractor's fuel costs along around $10 to $15 per hour. As I see it, inflation has not really subsided all that much.

In order to stay in the farm business, we have to have a profit, but only around the edge does it show up once and a while. When crops are eliminated such as beets, the surplus is boosted in grains or vegetables. Farmers have to grow something.

Taxes on farm property double about every 10 years. Schools are more expensive, everything is. We don't need treasury subsidies, just give us a tool for marketing what can be consumed by people who eat.

There could be production forecasts. If a vegetable crop is in excess, plow up whatever percent is in excess. No cheaper place to leave it. Each producer reduces his percent of over production. For example: Plow up 12 rows, skip, and 12 more; the average, not just the poor parts of a field. Government has always got the poorer land so what they did didn't help a hell of a lot.

Market your share of grain, the rest store; what better insurance. Give excess to starving countries would be one way. Maybe this sounds radical; I say in order for agriculture to survive, something radical has to be done. The one-third or around that
figure, that are big and rugged farmers have their farms paid for and plenty of money are not the rule; most farmers have been scratching a poor man's rear. If you have no debts, you are indeed lucky not to have. Young farmers are stupid to fight to try to own their own farms and machinery. To go into debt to do this at present interest rates will surely be fatal. Why work your hearts out and get old prematurely because you love farming? I told my kids to do anything, but don't farm. Still they farm. The people can live and enjoy the fruits of a great nation on 8% not 12.75% to 15%. They will be better citizens in being a part of the economy as owners rather than working for someone else.

Thanks for the letter you wrote some time ago about the water business.

Yours very truly,

Frank Milenski
Dear Franks,

July 7, 1992

Enclosed is the written material you gave us. We have made copies & it is circulating among people here - both growers & others.

I have made a copy of the one tape of the panel. The original is at the campus where they are trying to figure out the best way to enhance it for showing here in Fallon. People have been on vacation, etc. & I called again today when I got your letter. They assure me they will get the tape back this week.

In the meantime, I'll send you the copy I made & then return the original as soon as I can get my hands on it.

Yes, indeed, the material has been helpful & has had a powerful impact on those with whom I've shared it. My apologies for the delay in returning the things, We've been having heavy discussions about the best way to use your information to have maximum impact.

My regards to Eleanor.

Sincerely, Mary Reed
July 8, 1992

Frank Milenski  
23064 Route BB  
LaJunta, CO 81050

Dear Frank:

Thanks so much for all the time you took with us last Wednesday. As Larry mentioned, we necessarily rely on your help to educate us on the history and current issues in the valley.

Thanks also for the materials you gave and loaned to us. We received the copy of your poem "After the Water is Gone" - thanks for sending it. Enclosed are the copies you asked be returned to you. Also enclosed is a photo taken on the tour you organized in June.

You asked about bookstores to contact in our area regarding your book. The Boulder Bookstore has two locations in town, so you could try either phone number 443-2942, or 447-2074. Cover to Cover bookstore is another one in town you might try, at 499-5544.

Thanks again for your time and effort - both greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Larry MacDonnell  
Director

Teresa A. Rice  
Senior Staff Attorney

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February 6, 1989

Honorable Richard D. Robb
Presiding Judge
Tenth Judicial District
320 West 10th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

Dear Judge,

I am one of the five directors whose term expires on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Conservancy District on April 20, 1989. I have served on that board continually since the district was formed in 1958, and have had a real interest in water for many years before the district was formed.

I was a member of the Colorado Water Conservation Board from 1959 until 1966. I have been a member of the Catlin Canal Board of Directors since 1950, and have been serving as president of this board since 1960. I have served on the Arkansas Valley Ditch Association Board since 1954. This association has been very active in protecting water rights, and the operation of the Arkansas River since the very early 1900's. The Ditch Association was formed in 1901 to fight the Kansas lawsuit against Colorado about the waters of the Arkansas River. These Kansas actions finally ended in 1943 with a Supreme Court ruling, and the Compact was ratified in 1948. Colorado is now engaged in another suit brought by Kansas about the use of the Arkansas River and its tributaries in Colorado. The Arkansas Valley does have a real interest in the present suit. The waters of the Arkansas River have been used by irrigators and cities for well over 100 years.

The Southeast District has been active in the development of water and the protection of the decrees as well as the development of the Fryingpan-Ark project and the better and more efficient use of water. I have been a part of this since the district was formed. Water is the most important commodity in the West and the State of Colorado. Without water development the Arkansas Valley would have remained a desert, and many cities would not be.

I have been a part of the Arkansas Valley all of my life, and have had a keen interest in the valley. I would be honored by being reappointed to the Southeast Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Frank Milenski
October 28, 1985

Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, CO 81054

Dear Frank:

It has been quite a while since we visited you last summer during our photo assignment for the RIVERS OF COLORADO. Here are some pictures from our take I am sure you will like. This is our way of thanking you for your assistance.

Unfortunately, none of the pictures we made in the Rocky Ford area will appear in the book. The editors did choose one of the Purgatoire and several from the plains further north.

We enjoyed meeting you and your wife. We hope to visit again sometime in the future, perhaps during the tomato or melon harvest.

Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Jim Kahnweiler
Photojournalist

JK:/encls.
April 26, 1971

Mr. Frank Milenski  
Rt. 1  
La Junta, Colorado  81050

OIL AND GAS LEASE COVERING:  
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Dear Mr. Milenski:

Thank you for the acceptance of our lease offer.

You will find enclosed for execution by you and your wife an Oil and Gas Lease and Designation of Depository and Ratification and Rental Division Order setting out the interest you own and amount of rental that will be due you under captioned lease.

Please sign both of these instruments above where your names are typed at the bottom of each, before a Notary Public and have the Notary complete the acknowledgment portion on the reverse sides of both instruments and return to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

When we have received the completely executed and acknowledged instruments we will mail you our draft in the amount of $40.02 which represents the consideration due you, being 13.34 net acres times $3.00 per acre.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Jack D. Swafford

JDS:pjs
Enclosures
Dear Frank

I'm certain now that I know at least one bona fide poet -- you. Your poem (that's what I call it) "The Greatest of All" came yesterday and like everything that you write, I enjoyed it immensely. My dictionary defines a poet as "a person who has the gift of poetic thought, imagination, and creation, together with the eloquence of expression." That has to be you. Your writing is like a conversation with you. I hope you can appreciate how much I thoroughly enjoyed "The Greatest of All." It's now a part of my permanent archive.

I was down in Mississippi before Christmas and my step-brother, who runs a big corporate cotton farm near a major town (about 30 people) called Midnight, Mississippi, gave me one of the hats that his tractor drivers and maintenance people wear. Knowing that you are a famous hat collector, I've wanted to pass it on to you. When you wear this, you become, automatically, an ex officio cotton farmer. Cotton has to be a natural companion for watermelons and cantaloupes.

By the way, the "delta" region of Mississippi has gone into center pivot irrigation in a big way. The "delta" actually isn't a delta in the true sense of that word but rather, is a prehistoric crescent shaped flood plain that starts at the Mississippi River just south Memphis, reaches its widest part just west of Greenwood, MS and then comes back to the river just north of Vicksburg. The top soil laid on by thousands of years of flooding is very deep and with the warm weather, the growing season is long. When I was a boy, and the mule was the basic motive power, I was sure that nobody could every need more rain that we got -- they're getting a lot of it this year due to the gyrations of the jet stream. But apparently farmers down there tap the ground water and use center pivots apply water when they need it most, which, I guess, is one of the ground rules in your own method of irrigation.

Agriculture in the South has changed so much since I left there in 1945. The black tenant farmer has disappeared and has been replaced by airplanes, huge tractors, cotton pickers and other mechanized equipment. My bother handles several thousand acres with about ten people now. He told me that tractors are getting so computer controlled that they have created their own little work force revolution. He said that one of his best tractor drivers (who, sadly, is illiterate) came to him and told him that he had to look for a new line of work because he could not deal with all the complexity of dials and displays and automatic control. For good or bad, technology seems to march on. In our own selfish best interest, if for no other reason, we have to do something about improving the educational system in this country.

Thanks for sending me "The Greatest of All." I hope one of these days, you and Mrs. Milenski will come this way so we can have a chance to go over and make a tour of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean beaches that are so close. I'll bet your granddaughter would like that.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

[Signature]

P.S. Please pass my best to Wayne. Tommy sent me the Arkansas Valley Journal's piece about him that ran last fall. Wayne helps everyone. He surely helped me -- and with great patience -- when I first came to Colorado and knew absolutely nothing about what I was doing and had nothing but stupid questions to ask.
The Pikes Peak Library District has created a database of Colorado authors. You have been recommended for inclusion in this directory because of the contributions you have made through your publications. The Directory is available on-line and in print copy to the public. It will be maintained by the Local History Division. If you would like to be included in the Directory, please complete the following questionnaire: (Provide only the information you wish to have published in the on-line directory. The back of this sheet may be used for additional information.)

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TELEPHONE: ___________________________

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Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 County Road BB
La Junta, CO 81050
September 4, 1990

Frank Milenski  
23064 County Road BB  
La Junta, CO 81050

Dear Mr. Milenski:

I apologize for having taken a week longer than I promised to read and comment on your manuscript. It is also unfortunate that I must return it to you as unsuitable in its present form for publication as a monograph in our series.

It is clear from the manuscript that you have an exceptional insider's view of the history of water in Colorado. Your experience as an observer and participant in the formulation of water policy makes this manuscript very attractive as a sort of memoir. It is not written, however, as a memoir—that is, from the point of view of your own life and experience—but, rather, as an essay on water use (and abuse). At the same time it is written in a tone and style that is familiar—as if you were talking to a friend.

Frankly, these two functions do not work well together for publication—while they may have done so very well for your original purpose, which was a series of radio discussions. In print, the informal character of the language works against the more dispassionate history and analysis of water development that you present, and that history also suffers from statements that are not properly documented either by reference to specific conversations or to other sources, such as legal documents, newspaper articles, books, or reports. While your manuscript need not be scholarly in a strict sense, it should allow the reader to see where you got the information for your study.

As you pointed out when we met, you obtained that information from your years of experience—and that is a valid argument. Unfortunately, that is not enough to satisfy a reader who has no knowledge of your experience and has only the written word to assimilate. While I would like very much to publish first-person manuscripts, I know that our more careful readers would insist on substantiation of general factual statements.
A second problem is that, because your manuscript is based on a series of interviews or discussions, it does not focus in the way that it might have if you had written it with a specific purpose in mind. Its scope is very broad, yet it often gets lost in details. Many of these details are fascinating but do not convey to the reader the larger points that you are making. And in this, I'm afraid that once again the dual purpose of the manuscript is at fault—that is, as an attempt to serve both as an autobiography and as a historical analysis of your subject.

If you are going to pursue publication of this manuscript, you need to decide which direction in which to go. As a historical analysis by an expert, it needs to be more focused and better documented—with footnotes. As an autobiography, it needs a whole new approach—the story of your life in water issues in Colorado. If it is to be both, you will need to go over it very carefully to blend the two together.

In any case, it is a valuable study, and I believe that with revision it could well find a publisher. We would like to see it again if you elect to revise it.

Sincerely,

David N. Wetzel

Editor, Essays and Monographs in Colorado History
October 31, 1994

Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, CO 81050

Dear Frank:

Your poem delivered at Tommy Thompson’s memorial service was full of meaning. I will forever remember the lunches which Tommy and I had at your house with you and Eleanor, and the flight that we took over the Arkansas River with you.

You and Eleanor look well. I wish the two of you the best and miss working with you.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Kenneth L. Salazar

KLS:vcw
Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, CO 81050
Dear Frank,

The November 9th issue of the Arkansas Valleu Journal, which arrived this morning, has a front page article announcing that the Colorado Division of Water Resources had awarded to you a plaque recognizing you as the Water Manager of the Year. This is indeed a well earned recognition of the many years you have been guardian of the water resources of the Arkansas Valley basin. During the few years I sat as judge of Water Division No. 2 court, I appreciated your testimony freely given in many water matters.

Congratulations on this well deserved honor and aid and counsel in these very important areas of water laws and the preservation of fair dealing in their administration. May you give many more years of assistance in this very distinct and often times difficult field of this administration of the Colorado Water Law.

Sincerely,

William L. Gobin

William L. Gobin
Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 County Road 888 (Swink)
La Junta
Colorado 81050
November 1, 1994

Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
LaJunta CO 81050

Dear Frank:

We are very grateful for the time that you and your son Bill took to be with us last Saturday. We know it was late in the day and that you had not been feeling well beforehand. All of the students had heard a great deal about you from many guests that we have had in class, from others in the valley, and from me. They were pleased and honored to have a chance to meet you and hear your perspectives. The work you and Bill did preparing for the class was impressive. The knowledge that you both brought to us was enormous.

After their intensive exposure to a wide variety of perspectives all the way up and down the Arkansas River, the students know better than ever the complexity of the physical, legal and political characteristics of the Basin. The goals of the seminar in Advanced Water Law are to build an understanding of the interrelated nature of all the problems and issues within a watershed and an appreciation of how all the relevant interests have to be considered in solving major problems anywhere in the watershed. To succeed, the students must get in touch with the reality that resource problems are really human problems that have to be dealt with at the individual and community levels. Meeting many of the key people during our travels makes this feasible.

Thanks for your note following our visit. Please do not mistake my comment about possible limits on the surface water rights of canal companies and shareholders. There is little doubt that the cause of the conflict with Kansas was overpumping of groundwater. My question had to do with how the solutions will be developed and who will have to pay. Even with full augmentation by the junior well users, the state will end up buying water. They may want to keep the cost of that water down by squeezing all water users in the valley. If the state pays, I can imagine a legislator standing up to protect the taxpayers and saying, “Let’s make sure that the water users, both ground and surface, take and apply only the minimum they need to grow their crops.” Perhaps this is the danger of using the state treasury to solve the problem.

We are all grateful for the contribution you made to ensuring the success of our trip.

Sincerely,

David H. Getches
Raphael J. Moses Professor
of Natural Resources Law

DHG:cgc
May 22, 1992

Dear Frank:

This is a belated thanks for the copy of your poem that you sent. Whenever I hear state people or engineers carrying on about "water management" it occurs to me that their smiles come from the notion of being able to tell somebody else how the cow is supposed to eat the cabbage.

We will probably hear from the Supreme Court in the near future on the pending Public Service Company exchange appeal. I don't have a good feeling about it, even though I think Judge Tracey's ruling was dead right.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND, Rexford L. Mitchell, may be in town one of these days, he tells me. I am hoping to get some time with him, for I miss him a great deal.

Trust that you and Fuzz are well. We're doing fine up here.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

John U. Carlson
Mr. Frank Milewski
23064 RDBB
La Junta
Co. 81050
MEMORANDUM

TO: Hap Hazard
Conference Services

FROM: Dr. James W. Warner
Associate Professor

SUBJECT: Pay for Mr. Frank Milenski

DATE: June 10, 1991

As part of our short-course on Conjunctive Use short course we took a field trip along the Arkansas River, on Tuesday, June 4, 1991. Mr. Frank Milenski provided this tour. Mr. Milenski is to receive the payment of $450.00 for this. His Social Security Number is: 521-48-8822.

Mr. Milenski's address is: Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Rd BB
LaJunta, CO 81050

JWW:pcw:213
June 10, 1991

RECEIPT

I have received from ____________________________ the sum of ______________________ dollars in receipt of the purchase of ____ copies of the book, "Water - the Answer to a Desert's Prayer".

__________________________
Frank Milenski
23064 Rd. BB
LaJunta, CO 81050

(Date)

JWW:pcw:217
Dear Deanna Danford,

Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Rd. BB
La Junta, CO 81050
Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, Colorado 81050

Dear Frank,

Congratulations on the publication of your very interesting and informative book on the water resources of the Arkansas River basin. It not only serves as a valuable reference on the history of water development in the basin, but also a tribute to your many contributions to assure best management of its precious water resources. The dedication statement of the book references your "life-long affair with water." Like so many of us in the water-resources community, we feel indebted to the few such as you who have devoted so much of your life, without fanfare and little recognition, to the preservation of a way of life for future generations.

I am indeed grateful for the opportunity to have known you and Eleanor, and sincerely wish you both the very best.

Sincerely,

Russ

Russell K. Livingston
District Chief, New Mexico

cc: Tommy Thompson
Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, Colorado 81050
February 2, 1990

Mr. Frank Milenski  
President  
Cattlin Canal Company  
Director  
Southeastern Colorado Water  
Conservancy District  
23064 Road BB  
La Junta, Colorado 81050

Dear Frank:

I know I speak for all of the members of the Board of Directors and Staff of the District when I offer to you our heartiest and most profound congratulations on your receiving the respected La Junta Chamber of Commerce "AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME AWARD" at the Annual Meeting in La Junta Monday, January 29, 1990.

I cannot think of a person more deserving to receive the award, because in all of your endeavors you have epitomized the leadership roles in agriculture. You also speak with great authority because you have practiced what you preached in your own farming activities, and in your leadership responsibilities with various organizations.

I was honored when Marilyn Stangl called me to gather additional background information to be used in your presentation. We both agreed you had done so much and received so little personal recognition. This Award is truly one of the highest honors which can be bestowed upon any person in agriculture, and it could not have been presented to a finer, nor more deserving person, including your supportive wife, Eleanor.

Respectfully,

Charles E. Thomson  
General Manager

sc: Board of Directors, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
Mr. Daniel Hyatt, Publisher, Arkansas Valley Journal  
Mr. William Beanland
Staying on Romer ship means going with flow

If you don't play the game by Gov. Roy Romer's rules, you may not be playing at all. Many critics and even some supporters of Romer have voiced that belief for years. Those same comments surfaced again this week when Romer dumped two of the state's top water officials.

With pressure from on high, David Walker, director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, resigned after 20 years of service. Jeris Danielson, Colorado's highly respected state water engineer for the past 12 years, was fired when he wouldn't follow Walker's example and voluntarily resign.

Both men are now fighting to keep their jobs, but Romer says they're out -- no change of heart on his side -- because they couldn't stop fighting with one another. And Danielson, Romer said, had undermined Colorado's position on use of Colorado River water.

Governors, like presidents and most chief executives, have a right to have team players on their side. But the latest incident -- no matter how justified -- raised questions again about Romer's tolerance of those who aren't in lockstep.

A couple of events early in the Romer administration made it evident he was not one to tolerate deviation from the administration line. And to this day, cabinet members still must check in with the boss' office when they field a reporter's call on a conceded issue.

The first casualty on Romer's "firing line" was of all folks -- Clyde Martz, Romer's former law professor and the short-term executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources in 1987. Martz said he would resign if Romer didn't veto a certain bill. Romer signed it and fired Martz.

Next to be eased out was University of Northern Colorado president Bob Dickeson, who was Romer's first chief of staff and head of budgeting. Then it was Lowell "Lew" Jackson, the former executive director of the Colorado Highway Department.

But the first indication that Romer's people better walk the straight and narrow came at an early cabinet meeting when two appointees, E. Robert Turner and Forrest Cason, had their ears pinned back. The two, among key cabinet members, both now gone, thought there might be some good derived from Lotto, God forbid. Those were fighting words to Romer.

Of those who had been around when Richard Lamm was governor, the sparks came as something of a surprise. Lamm seemed to enjoy, at least part of the time, his contentious cabinet appointees expressing dissent.

Despite the talk these days about Romer's latest action, legislators are being surprisingly cautious about openly criticizing him because, deep down, many think he just may have been absolutely right.

But not Frank Mileisky, a founding member of the Southwest Colorado Water Conservancy District Board and a longtime Swink-area farmer. In fact, many think he says aloud what they've been thinking quietly.

"In my opinion, there are people just as smart as the governor," Mileisky said. "Obviously, though, it sure . . . ain't the governor's opinion." Mileisky said the governor has confused and has voiced his feelings because, as far as he's concerned, there is nothing of more value than water in the Western United States. He began to fight 40 years ago to protect Colorado's water rights, and he'll be working on it until the day he dies.

That's why he's so concerned that the state is losing two such talented water experts.

"If everybody sat down and agreed to everything, we'd be in . . . (bad shape)," Mileisky said.
February 24, 1992

Mr. Frank Milenski  
23064 County Road BB  
La Junta, Colorado 81050

Dear Frank:  

Enclosed is an article which appeared in last Saturday's Rocky Mountain News. You and I both know the newspapers rarely get it right, but I see when they quote you, they can't be far off.  

We appreciate the nice note your wife wrote us. Hope to get down in your country this summer and show my boys a real farm.  

Very truly yours,  

Timothy J. Flanagan

TJF: dmr  
Enclosure  

Dictated, but not read.
Hi G & G,

After being on vacation for a couple of days I'm not sure I want to go back to work and school. I've had a really nice trip and we got a chance to stop in and say hi to the Crisps. Becky had to get up at 5:00 for work. I don't think she'll last to long if she has to do that very often!

Love, Carolyn

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Milenski
23064 23rd BB Rd.
La Junta, CO 81050
Hola de España,

I hope everything is well in the home front. I have just returned from a week-long visit to Jenn in Germany. She showed me around Marburg. Then we went to Munich and Austria. I fell in love with Austria - beautiful rolling green mountains with quaint little villages. The cool weather in Germany was nice changing from the humid heat in Barcelona. I am really enjoying my family in Barcelona. They take great care of me and have really made me feel like a part of the family. Classes started this week.

I am taking a drawing class with the university – should be fun!

Love and miss you! Antoette.
The beer's too foamy,  
The cake's gone flat.  
We can't carry a tune,  
But never mind that.  
Our mugs are raised,  
Our voices are, too,  
For giving this toast...

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

I don't know if the bunch at The Elks Club  
are any better looking  
than thee - Many  
Happy Returns -  
Dob, Fran & Carolyn
June 29, 1987

Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Rd. BB
La Junta CO 81050

Dear Frank:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter outlining the direct flow companies concern for guaranteed space for the Winter Water Storage Program. This letter will be signed by the company presidents and mailed Friday, August 14, 1987 to both the Bureau and District.

Sincerely,

Wayne W. Whittaker,
Secretary

Phone 254-3389
Trucfed

People at Stubbins
Project & Joint
Account system

Stubbins show reduction to 
June Martha 2004 was 2500.

Increase to Martin increase 16000 from 1600
Dec 8. Meeting

At 1400 honey pitch = 11200 a contract.

Inhibited dept investigate. Model 7000 Acres.

6177A dist 7078 irrigate. 93% supply.

Douglas Littlefield, Hortoriam Kansas.

191 Boxes of in Ro.

1951 R.C. Highline - Documents - Raulin.

Diversions Records not.
Reduction in acreage irrigated 6% less.

Energy use of pumps.

Model Bedding layers

Ground water development

Pumped more not satisfied with work.

Precast. Diversions model and ground water.

Taylor Adkins gave applied water.

Terry Wooley.
Dear Frank,

Thank you so much for letting me borrow your water book. I'm sorry I've had it so long. I am so amazed and impressed by the amount of work you did researching all the history, complete with dates, prices, facts, figures. Your memory for so many details puts me to shame.

I wish you had time to do another book full of stories about your family, your farm, the history of your valley. You know so much that it would be a shame if that knowledge weren't passed on. We younger folks can learn so much from you.

Congratulations on writing such a complete history of water in the Arkansas Valley.

Give my regards to Eleanor. I hope you're both well and will have a joyous holiday season.

Fondly,

Barbara
9.00 A.M.

Part of Colo Canal System

1. Meredith Reservoir - Henry Lake
   Bob Creek inlet
   Outlet of Meredith
   Measuring Device - Jim Belowsky
   Wastage gate of Fort Lyon Storage Canal. To take water back to River.
   Outlet of Meredith can flow into Holbrook Canal as an exchange or flow into Fort Lyon Storage Canal. To be returned to River.

A diverter can exchange water with the River from reservoirs providing the action does not injure any other diverter, who is in priority.

In other words, the River can be used as a common carrier in the absence of damage to other diverters, under the priority basis.

Fort Lyon Storage Canal carries water east to Horse Creek Reservoir and Adobe Creek Res. under 1906-1908 priority.

Diverter works for Fort Lyon Storage.
Colorado Springs Purchased 97% System
Aurora Others 35% - Inland - 80% CITIES PAY YEARLY 5000$.
9:30 AM 1H Holdbrook Diversion Dam 16000 Acres
Here 2 Reservoirs Dry Lake Holdbrook 2.

10:15 AM Rocky Ford Diversion - 8000 A. 58% Sold To Aurora.
4290 Farms.

10:30 AM Some Rocky Ford Farms.
Cotton Farms.
Check Structure Cotton.
Head gate. Rating Flume-Pond.
Divide Pos.
Cotton Land.
Conservation Creek.
Satellite measuring Pipline.
Colo. has first. Satellite system.
Can be recorded every 15 minutes.
(or hourly) at Terminals gives.
Flows and diversions of canals.
also Early warning on large.
Floors of water River or Tributaries.
can figure in travel time.
A big step from Horse and Buggy days.
Rocky Ford Land.

12:00 PM East Manzanola - listed to B Cotton.
1:30 PM Better name Red apple in Mexico.
10:00 am 5

Catlin Diversion Works 19500A
Measuring Device
State Gauge Station Connal
Canal Measure Connal
Sluice gate
Automatic controls
River protection Kelly type Jacks
Cement and cable upstream
Diversion Dam

2:00 pm 6

Oxford Canal 6000A
Rating Flume
Automatic float devices
Waste gate
Oxford diversion works

7:00 pm 6

Great Lake Bricsh Bank
Weir gauge State Gauge
Rating Flume
Automatic Canal Control
Waste Gates
Diversion Structure
3:15PM  8. Cross Huertfino Bridge Ark. River  
   Colo Canal  Or ace gate  
   Colo Canal  Diversion structure  

9. Time Permitting  
   Confluence of Fountain and 
   Arkansas River  

As far as ground water interfaced 
with surface supplies  
   
   Wells are generally privately owned 
   By individual Farmers. Not Canal Cos  
   The water to Canal Co with Sand  
   Six Well Batteries pumping discharge 
   Below measured line  

Except for Buffalo Canal Below 10th  
   Martin Reccord Just above  
   State Line Kansas Col  

Wells developed from 1931 to 1966.  
1966. Well act Colo state legislature  
forced down well drilling.  

7 Big water years River flow  
Precip. December pumping in 80s.
There is a dispute between Kansas and Colorado over the use of the Arkansas River. Kansas is questioning Colorado's violation of the Compact between the two states. Colorado is using water from the Arkansas River for its winter water program in the Arkansas Basin above John Martin Reservoir. Re-regulation of the Arkansas River conservation practices and conflicts over range land, winter water storing, water that had been diverted in winter for better use, has been appointed by the US Supreme Court to hear the dispute. Littleworth of Las Angeles, California.

Colorado is questioning water practices in Kansas. Colorado says Kansas has not asserted remedies under the Compact as of now.
June 19, 1992

Frank Milenski
23064 Route BB
LaJunta, CO 81050

Dear Frank:

Thanks for the very informative tour last week of the upper valley and for agreeing to meet with Larry and me for lunch. As we discussed, we’ll meet you at The Mellon Valley at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1.

Enclosed is a description of our research project, entitled "Water and Community: Western Irrigated Agriculture in Transition." You asked that we send you our ideas on what we would like to discuss with you when we meet for lunch. We’d like to learn more about the history of the different irrigation systems in the Arkansas Valley. Why were some more productive than others? How significant were government programs to the farmers in the valley during the 1930s - 1960s? Which federal programs were most significant? What other factors affected the success of the different systems? What people were most influential in the different systems during the time you were farming?

On a more current note, what are the major issues of concern to you about the future irrigated agriculture in the Arkansas Valley? What role can mutual ditch companies, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, or other organizations play in strengthening irrigated agriculture in the valley? You may have other suggestions for us as well, but this gives you an idea of the matters we are looking at.

We look forward to seeing you again. We’ll most likely be staying in Rocky Ford Monday and Tuesday nights, though I am not sure where at this time.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Rice
Senior Staff Attorney

List of attachments:
1. Water and Community: Western Irrigated Agriculture in Transition
WATER AND COMMUNITY:
WESTERN IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE IN TRANSITION

PROSPECTUS
May 1992

Irrigated agriculture provided the vehicle for the widespread settlement and development of the American West. Large areas of land became usable for farming through irrigation. An economic base developed around which communities grew. Irrigation "made the desert bloom" and turned otherwise inhospitable lands into ones capable of supporting human habitation.

This was no simple task. Much of the land was fertile and, in some areas relatively easily irrigated by simple diversion structures. These were the first areas to be settled. The great bulk of the farmable West, however, was not so easily watered and would require the construction of large-scale facilities at substantial expense. This was not the work of individual irrigators but of organizations that could bring together the manpower, skills, and financing such water supply facilities required. These organizations, ranging from loose affiliations of neighboring irrigators joining together to build a single ditch to quasi-governmental water conservancy districts encompassing large areas and vested with authority to tax all property within these areas, became the heart of the irrigated West. By making irrigation possible they made the agricultural West possible. For much of its modern history the agricultural West has been the West.

The American West is an economy and a society in transition. It remains an area of vast open spaces and agriculture continues to be an important part of its economic base. But the place of agriculture (and the nature of agriculture) is changing. Except in rural areas agriculture is not a substantial source of employment in most western states. The people of the West are concentrated in urban areas. They tend to know little about agriculture and even less about the history of irrigated agriculture in the West.

The irrigated West is under attack from all directions. Growing urban areas want to acquire its water and often its lands to support their burgeoning demands. Those interested in restoring streamflows for fisheries, for recreation, for aesthetics and other reasons challenge the need for large irrigation diversions and demand more efficient use of water. These same interests also object to the water quality problems caused by irrigation. Satisfaction of treaty obligations to tribes has affected water availability for irrigation in some areas of the West and is likely to raise problems in other areas in the future.
The book to be produced from our inquiry into these issues, tentatively titled *Water and Community: Western Irrigated Agriculture in Transition*, will explore the legacy of irrigated agriculture in the West through on-the-ground examinations of five areas that developed largely through an irrigation-based economy. These areas are the Grand Valley and the lower Arkansas Valley in Colorado, the Boise River Valley in Idaho, the Umatilla River Valley in Oregon, and the upper Verde River Valley in Arizona. We will focus on these areas as communities. We will give special attention to the irrigation water supply organizations that developed to support agriculture in these areas, and will highlight people responsible in important ways for creating these organizations.

We will explore this history in the context of the contemporary situation. In each of these areas important and fundamental changes are underway. The nature of these changes varies somewhat from area to area but the effect in each case is to challenge patterns of existence in place for decades. Our particular interest is to explore the nature of these "pressures" and to consider their effects on these communities as well as the manner in which these communities are responding and adjusting.

We will make considerable use of the comments and perceptions of people from the areas. These comments will come from extensive interviews with a broad cross section of people including irrigators, water district managers and board members, knowledgeable governmental representative familiar with these matters, and other members of the community. Similarly we will rely extensively on interviews with individuals thought to represent the pressures described above: those acquiring water for nonirrigation use; those pursuing environmental interests; those responsible for implementing governmental programs affecting traditional water use; and others.

Throughout we will take a hard look at the facts behind these perceptions and beliefs. We will provide a careful and well documented portrayal of the development of these communities with particular attention to the role that development and use of water has played. The individual effort required to establish and maintain these irrigation systems is a remarkable testament to their essential nature for an agricultural existence in the West. For those unfamiliar with this history we will try to convey a sense of how the West’s water came to be used in the way that it is.

We also will take a hard look at the sustainability of these irrigation-based communities. How are they managing today? What is their future? What role will they play in the water reallocation process that dominates the western water policy agenda? Are existing irrigation water supply organizations suited to the needs of these communities today? These are the kinds of questions we seek to answer.
Hello Frank & Cleo,

Jane & I are spending the summer here — will be back in Sept.

See you in AF around October 2nd.

Jerry.
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See originals in folder

Water Resources Archive
Colorado State University Libraries
July 13, 1993

Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
La Junta, Colorado 81050

Dear Mr. Milenski:

Just a note to thank you for sending me a copy of your poem, "The Wonders".

Your thinking of me is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Hank Brown
United States Senator

HB/sr
303-866-2150

Senator
Jim Rizzato

Jim, I would like to have Back
The Maps and Well owners
in District 67
Which I lent to you several weeks ago.
If you are coming Home For
This weekend That will be Soon Enough.

[Signature]

Frank V. Valesano
Mr. Frank Melenski  
Milenski Ag Consulting Service  
P.O. Box 767  
Swink, CO 81077

Dear Mr. Milenski:

I am returning the film and photographs which you loaned to us for consideration on the Holly historic marker for the theme on the Arkansas River. We were able to use the image of the John Martin Dam and have credited the Milenski Ag Consulting Service.

I am moving on to another position with the Colorado Historical Society. I will be assuming the Directorship for the Fort Garland Museum in Fort Garland, Colorado. The person in charge of the Roadside Interpretation Program is Peggy Hermann. Her number is 303/866-2621 should you need any information. She is also the person you would call if you have any questions about the marker.

Thank you for all the help provided. It is deeply appreciated. You have been an integral part to the success of the historic marker project.

Sincerely,

Rick F. Manzanares  
Roadside Interpretation Program
FRANK MILENSKI
23064 Road BB
La Junta, Colorado 81050

June 10, 1998

Steve Arveschoug
Southeastern Colorado
Water Conservancy District

I am sitting here admiring the first and only forty year bolo tie given to me by the district. It has been a great honor to receive the recognition. The district and its Board have played quite a part in the water development of one of nature's three great blessings.

I well remember after John Kennedy came to Pueblo to sign the Frying Pan Bill, President of the District, Selby Young, announced, "The easy part is done. What is done with the project will be the tough nut to crack." Selby was right.

Times change without anyone's permission. Oh, what changes have occurred in my lifetime.

Well I remember the years of construction of then a 167 million dollar project to bring supplemental water to the Arkansas River Basin. Little did we realize when federal dollars are involved how many claims would be forthcoming. Everybody got their snoot in the trough.

My interest in water goes back to the dirty thirties and the five year drought.

After years the Frying Pan Project was authorized. That's when the effort begins. It takes money to build such costly dreams. I take my hat off to all who have spent the time and effort in this vast undertaking.

Only to name a few men that came along at the right time:

Charlie Boustead, First Manager
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Senator Gordon Allott
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Many many others should have been named. When Boustead passed on in 1966, Tommy Thomson came along at the right time. Tommy had great ability to get things done and did the District a good job.

Looks to me as if we have a winner in Steve Arveschoug, our present General Manager.

The district has been in many water battles over the years. There are many more to come protecting the existing water rights under Colorado Water Law. Will have every increasing challenges in the future.

Mother Nature controls the weather, without a doubt.

People create problems. Water is used in many ways. Seems as though food produced by water is consumed by all. What kind of balance is in the cards, nobody knows.

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Frank Milenski

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TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF WHITE CANYON MINING COMPANY:

The shareholders of more than two-thirds of the entire outstanding capital stock of this Company at their adjourned meeting on December 22, 1959 approved the transfer of the assets of this Company to Yuba Development Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yuba Consolidated Industries, Inc. on the terms set forth in the Plan of Reorganization and Agreement, dated November 17, 1959.

At the same meeting the shareholders of this Company also approved the liquidation and dissolution of the Company as provided in said Plan.

By the terms of said Plan, holders of Capital Stock of this Company will receive one (1) share of Capital Stock of Yuba Consolidated Industries, Inc., plus 9¢, for each 33-1/3 shares of Capital Stock of White Canyon. Inasmuch as Yuba Consolidated Industries, Inc. does not issue certificates for fractional shares of its Capital Stock, arrangements have been made for the distribution of cash in lieu of such fractional shares.

Financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1959 and for the period November 1, 1959 to December 30, 1959 will be issued to stockholders within the next few weeks.

Pursuant to said Plan, the transfer of the assets of the Company to Yuba Development Corporation was effected as of December 30, 1959, and this Company is now in the process of winding up its affairs and effecting its dissolution.

For your convenience in exchanging your White Canyon certificates for Yuba certificates and cash, we are enclosing an envelope and a letter in a transmittal form outlining the terms of exchange and procedure to be followed.

On December 29, 1959 an action was instituted in the District Court in and for the County of Mesa, State of Colorado, Civil Action # 11845, against the Company, Yuba Development Corporation and Yuba Consolidated Industries, Inc. On January 15, 1960 a somewhat similar action was instituted in the District Court in and for the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, Civil Action # B36224, against the same corporations and certain of their directors. Each of these actions were brought by certain stockholders on behalf of themselves and all other stockholders of the Company similarly situated, and seek to set aside and rescind said Plan and all action taken pursuant thereto and other relief in connection therewith. Based upon present information it is the opinion of legal counsel for the Company that both of said court actions are without merit. Consequently, your management has proceeded with the arrangements for the distribution of Yuba stock and cash in exchange for stock of the Company as outlined above, and will proceed with the winding up of the affairs of the Company and its liquidation and dissolution.

F. J. Maloit
President
BANK OF AMERICA NT&SA
P O BOX 3415 RINCON ANNEX
SAN FRANCISCO 20 CALIFORNIA

STOCK TRANSFER DEPT
SEDIMENTATION

I came to Denver today because I do have some experience in the use of Arkansas River Basin waters for agriculture purposes.

I have a great respect for the three Great Blessings of Mother Earth: Air

Water

Land.

I happen to believe the Good Lord created the earth to be used by the masses of people that cover the earth.

Water seems to be today’s topic. Having lived in the area of Rocky Ford, Colorado on an irrigated farm my entire life using irrigation water diverted from the Arkansas River as a livelihood, I do have a keen interest in today’s discussion.

I have been interested in water or the lack of the reusable resource for some time. I started farming a little before the Dust Bowl Days of the 1930’s.

I have served on the Catlin Canal Board of Directors continually since 1950, Chairman of Board thirty seven years.

I am the only charter member of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District left on the board. This district was created in 1958 to bring more supplemental water to the water short Arkansas Valley.

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Most of all, I have farmed for a living using Arkansas River water for irrigation. I am a farmer with more than sixty years of experience.

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The canals did acquire their water supply by decree under the Constitution of the State of Colorado ‘First in use first in time’. The canals built diversion works out of the Arkansas River from Leadville, Colorado, elevation 14,000 feet to the State of Kansas line east of Colorado, elevation 2,800. These old timers in the development of these canals dug sluice ditches back to the river below their diversion points.

The Arkansas River has, since time began, been loaded with silt (dirt sand) because of the drop in elevation. In order to make the diversions of water work, sand or silt was and is sluiced back to the river from which it came in order to clear these canals so water could be diverted and used to irrigate crops.

When a river rises in the majestic Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 14,000 feet, flows 357 miles to the Kansas Line, something besides water moves, the earth. The Arkansas River is blessed with tributaries running into it for miles and miles. These creeks or small rivers join and unjoin the stream.
you may use what you want out of sedimentation

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The Arkansas River has, since time began, been loaded with silt (dirt sand) because of the drop in elevation. In order to make the diversions of water work, sand or silt was and is sluiced back to the river from which it came in order to clear these canals so water could be diverted and used to irrigate crops.

When a river rises in the majestic Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 14,000 feet, flows 357 miles to the Kansas Line, something besides water moves, the earth. The Arkansas River is blessed with tributaries running into it for miles and miles. These creeks as small as they are,:

You may use what you want out of Sedimentation

ATTN:
John Wilkins - Wells

Karl Miklosi
Dear classmate and friend Frank:

I was so pleased to receive your book from Betty. I certainly do think you know more about the Catlin ditch from construction to end than anyone else in the world.

It brought back so many memories. I personally knew most of the men you mention, and most of them I have worked for. John Beaty, Sam Bingham, Earl Beegles, Arlington Blotz, Vincent Guthrie, Ralph Haines, Lee Hancock, Herman Heatwole, Roland Jackson, Homer Knapp, Barney Melott, Claude and Everett Marshall, H.B. Mendenhall, Dan Milenski (from whom I bought a 31 Ford roadster--Oh Boy!--)and your two brothers John and Vick, the Proctors, John Vroman, Wayne Whittaker, Chris and Alex Wunch, Louis Amend and many, many more. They are all very special in my memories.

I am so proud and pleased that you could keep notes and recall all the things you wrote about, it is amazing!! This book will be one of my keepsakes that I will cherish forever, as it is a momento to your lifetime.

I really do thank you, and may you enjoy life as much as I do. Thanks Frank, and you too Eleanor.

Your Friend,

[Signature]

P.S. Roy read your book non-stop. I even had to call him to dinner twice!

Edith
Jan 4-91

Dear Rex,

I am enclosing Witten stipulation to Pratt. Look as the Pratt is already to do the flop.

At the district meeting on Dec 18 Ray Nixon and I were not there so district tabled the matter. Seems as to somebody is in a hell of a hurry since don't come up till July.

Have not heard a thing from Zorch or the computer expert.

It is about time for annual AVOA meeting. Maybe when it handy for you notify Mullens. I remember you are going to Calif for the 9th for a while on Kansas Colo.

I can't find the Deacon Arias maybe later.

Book will almost surely come out by Jan 15, Cota Sample. Colored pictures very good. Had lone upside down makes delay.

You will need for copyright.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
March 28, 1997

Mr. Frank Milenski
23064 Road BB
LaJunta, CO 81050

Dear Frank,

Thank you for your assistance in achieving our recent funding request for water commissioner overtime. This has been a difficult issue to deal with, to a great extent because of the historical practice that water commissioners were salaried employees that typically worked whatever hours were necessary to get the job done. I appreciate your understanding of this issue and your willingness to seek support for the funding.

This JBC action now provides sufficient funding that we should be able to have our water commissioners available to meet most service needs. For the first time, I consider this to be adequately funded.

Thanks again for your contribution to our success.

Sincerely,

Hal D. Simpson
State Engineer
May 7, 1997

Frank Milenski
Milenski Ag Consulting Service
P.O. Box 767
308 Columbia Ave.
Swink, CO 81077

Dear Frank:

It was sure good to see you and Fuzz in Denver recently at the Water Seminar. I appreciate you sending me a copy of your new book. I probably have one of the only complete Milenski libraries in Denver.

Do give me a call when you start irrigating the cantaloupes and we will try and schedule a "field trip."

Very truly yours,

Timothy J. Flanagan

TJF/kp
Encl.
July 17, 1997

Dear Frank,

Many thanks for the great tour of the Arkansas’s greatest canal. You gave the students much to think about and showed them a good time as well. Please give me a call when your video tape is ready. ☎️ (719) 389-6411

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Marz
P.S.
One of my students, Sean Rudolph wants to write a history/economics thesis on the Catlin. He will be in touch with you.
Smith/Economics

The Colorado College
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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

FRANK WILENSKI
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LA JONTA, CO 81050
FRAWER-THANKS!
THE TRIP WAS A
FINE EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE, AND THE
COMPANY WAS GREAT.
PLEASE QUICKLY
SEND THE BILL FOR
THE TWO BOOKS
TO ME AT
COURTHOUSE
ROOM 204
615 MACOM
CANNON CITY
81212
Hi, Frank -

I know this note is very timely, but I'm going to send it anyway. I just wanted to tell you that I thought your remarks at the meeting with Chuck Lile to discuss the Bureau of Reclamation’s Water Conservation “Guidelines” were right on target! It was perfect. You started off telling him that you thought the things violated Colo. State Water Law by telling us how we could use our own water and then everyone followed just what you said.

I'm glad you spoke up and went first. It just set the tone for the rest of the whole meeting. I'm glad I'm from the same river valley you are Frank. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Bud O'Hara
Rex Am sending you the figures
I got up at WITHE office.
They would not give me a copy
of the sheet so I copied them.
He does not want the thing out
for general discussion.
When you only have 1318 wells
estimating 88746.63AF The augmentation
amounts to just under 7 AF.
Where in the hell are the rest
of the pumps?
What about the 50000AF Pumping
on Fountain?
There just ain't any way to
put this crap together unless
there is honestly involved
Kepler assistant Division Engineer.
Said maybe in a week. The pump
records are to be in Jan 31 1975
unless the Stone welling is
brought Teq outfits all the
crap is meaning less.
Some one or some how has to put
actual figures together.
Before the settlement comes
to the front.
If I sound like I am fastened
I am. What's out is a bunch of SHIT.
Thank.
Dear Frank,

I was rummaging around on the Internet the other day and, quite by accident, came across the Nevada Division of Water Planning's Dictionary of Water Words. I downloaded the whole thing (except for the Conversion Tables and Factors, which for some reason I missed), formatted it, and then printed it. It occurred to me that you might want a copy, too, so I printed this one for you. There are over 5,000 words in this thing and I am hoping that when I run into completely new water terms, I'll something I can fall back on.

On page 50 there is a cryptic definition of the Global Position System -- satellite and water technology continue to converge. If we can ever get to the point where we can tie gravity measurement (to define the "Z" coordinate) with GPS defined X and Y; GPS defined time; to our rapidly improving digital communication technology, we'll have the wherewithal to move to a lawsuit proof system of water management and use. Well, almost. I guess as long as we have lawyers, we will have lawsuits. I could have sent this to you as an E-Mail attachment but the printing task is pretty big so I have resorted to snail mail to get it to you.

I hope this is useful to you. Give my best to all the Milenskis.

Bill
For you, Dad
A Father's Day Prayer
A prayer for you
On Father’s Day
That God will grant to you
The happiness you so deserve
Today and always, too--
May He keep you in His care
Through every future day,
And fill your heart with blessings
In His tender, loving way.

Happy Father’s Day

I guess we could
pray for your card hands,
too! That might be unfair.
Love your challengers?
Bob, Fran, Thelma &
Carolyn
Sat Jan 28 1995

Re:

I went to the Pumper's meeting yesterday. Simpson said Colorado would use the same criteria for augmentation of pumps in the year of 1995 same as 1994.

Montgomery said they were waiting for the Pumpers to make a move. I told him the Pumpers were not the only frog on the creek. What is occurring is that the State wants to buy water rights to use in augmentation. The Great Plains and Kansas demands. I was telling Dennis that the Bogle Report was political not factual. That the 70 to 60 thousand Acre feet of water was not half enough to do the job. The Great Plains Reservoirs would take more than that let alone any pump augmentation or Compactwater. Simpson showed up and said the 60,000 AF would cover it all. He wants 60,000 AF of Consumptive Use.
I question how much the state is willing to put on top of the table. 

Seems as you are told what they want you to know. There was a request of the Colorado Water Conservation Board last Wednesday for a $300,000 loan to purchase water. I understand suppose to be water purchased (acquisition committee).

Seems to me the big shots are just bulling their way through the discussion. By some who know something about water.

Before we get another layer of some water authority for the valley state line to Leadville. Surely to God it all going to have to be on the top of the table.

I do not want a situation where the canals have to go to court to protect their decrees. Because the State of Colorado or any one else is hoarding a lot of water. Can only be consumptive use and protection of the river and compact
I told him it took more than 40 days just to get the water to the lakes. They are clearing the sand out of the Fort Lyon Canal. 300 4-wheel outfits working at it. Hal said if they pumped the water to the Great Plains the demand would only be for elongation on 2 lakes not 3. Somewhere around 4000 AF of surface on only 2 lakes as I remember it. Per evapo at 7 feet vertical they think 4 feet evapo is all. The master said Colorado Pumped about 14,000 AF 150,000 AF with 78% augmentation is 37,500 AF. Per augmentation. I do not think we will have any more augmentation than was done last year. I told Unitte I wanted the amounts of augmentation for last year and where from. He told me to come to his office and we could discuss it. They do not want Pumpers fighting among themselves on who did and who didn't.