1984 Budget Requests for Upper Colorado Region

The 1984 Federal budget submitted to Congress this week includes a request for authority to invest - through the Bureau of Reclamation - nearly $187 million in the Upper Colorado River Basin and portions of the Great Basin in Utah.

"Our budget request - about $22 million more than we have this year under Congress' 1983 Continuing Resolution - will help the area meet the growing demands on its limited water supply," said Clifford I. Barrett, Director of the Bureau's Upper Colorado Regional Office in Salt Lake City. "The increase reflects the Reagan Administration's concern with developing the West's water resources."

The Upper Colorado Region includes most of Utah, Colorado's West Slope, parts of Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, and small areas of Nevada and Idaho - an area covering 162,000 square miles with a growing population of 1.9 million.

The Bureau requested $186,830,000 for work in the region during 1984, compared to $164,660,000 authorized under the current Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 1983.

By state, the 1984 budget request includes:

**UTAH** - Total: $110,990,000. By far the largest amount is the $101,607,000 requested to continue construction of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project. The work includes a large number of items, such as Upper Stillwater Dam, Stillwater Tunnel, Jordan Aqueduct--Reach 4 and Alpine Aqueduct--Reach 3,
North Fork Siphon, Soldier Creek remedial work, relocate Highways 40 and 189 around Jordanelle Reservoir, exploratory shaft for Fifth Water Powerplant, the Diamond Fork Road System, a Utah Projects Office complex, Duchesne Office and trailerhouse replacement, and other miscellaneous items.

In the Jensen Unit near Vernal, $1,725,000 is requested to continue work on the Tyzack Aqueduct—Reach 2, to complete the Jensen drains, and to acquire miscellaneous laboratory and work equipment.

For the Upalco Unit, $2,015,000 will be needed for land purchases in the area of the proposed Taskeech Dam and Reservoir.

Preconstruction activities will continue on the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project, at a cost of $550,000.

Continued construction of recreation facilities at Strawberry Reservoir will require $793,000.

In the old Strawberry Valley Project, $664,000 is needed to replace the Spanish Fork Diversion Dam.

At Arthur V. Watkins Dam, which encloses Willard Bay, a part of the Weber Basin Project, $350,000 is requested to do preconstruction activities for the rehabilitation of the dam. This unusual dam, 14 miles long, rests on the lakebed of the Great Salt Lake and—as anticipated—is slowly settling into the mud. Completed in 1965, the dam will soon require additional material to increase its elevation.

General Investigation programs in the State of Utah will require $3,250,000.

**COLORADO** - Total: $72,522,000. In the Colorado portion of the Upper Colorado Region, the largest request is for continuation of construction of the Dolores Project. A total of $37,200,000 is needed for the project. It will be applied
to work on McPhee Dam, Dolores Tunnel and Canal, Dolores Sewage Plant, the Great
Cut Pumping Plant, Dolores Landfill and Protective Dike, Dove Creek Canal Reach I,
the Great Cut Pumping Plant Switchyard and Transmission Lines, and Archeological
salvage.

Another large project in western Colorado is the Dallas Creek Project, for
which $16,200,000 is requested to continue work on Ridgway Dam and Reservoir

A total of $5,596,000 is required for recreation developments at the
Wayne N. Aspinall Unit, and at the future McPhee and Ridgway Reservoirs.

Salinity control projects will also require funds—$3,915,000 for the Grand
Valley Unit and $6,068,000 for the Paradox Valley Unit, both of the Colorado
River Basin Salinity Control Projects. In the Grand Valley, the funds are
intended for a moss and trash screen on the Government Highline Canal and Stage I
of the Government Highline Laterals, purchase of equipment and preconstruction
activities on other features. For the Paradox Unit, the Bureau plans to drill
and construct a deep brine disposal well.

Completion of rehabilitation of the Orchard Mesa Division of the Grand Valley
Unit will require $348,000.

On the Uncompahgre Project, $650,000 will be needed for rehabilitation of
the diversion work, project canals and conduits.

General investigation on potential new water projects in the State of Colorado
will require $2,184,000.

NEW MEXICO - Total: $468,000. In New Mexico, of which only a small portion
is in the Bureau's Upper Colorado Region, $468,000 is needed for investigations
of leakage of the abutments of Navajo Dam and designs of remedial grouting program.
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**WYOMING** - Total: $2,659,000. In the southwest portion of Wyoming, the Green River drainage, funds are requested as follows: $1,227,000 for the development of the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge, $251,000 to repair the stilling basin at the spillway at Meeks Cabin Dam, $500,000 for grouting the abutments of Fontenelle Dam, and $300,000 to modify the spillway structure at Big Sandy Dam. The General Investigation program will require $381,000.

**ARIZONA** - Total: $191,000. In the small part of Arizona within the Upper Colorado Region, $191,000 is required at Glen Canyon Dam for minor construction work and purchase of operation equipment.

**IDAHO AND NEVADA** - Total: None in the UC Region. Those small portions of Nevada and Idaho within the Upper Colorado Region are not subject of current budget requests from this region. Other parts of these two states are within other Bureau regions and do contain water projects for which funds are requested.

The above figures do not include funds for operation and maintenance of existing Reclamation projects. For fiscal year 1984, $20,272,000 is needed for O & M in the Region, but $18,765,000 of this will be obtained as authorized by law, from powerplant revenues at Colorado River Storage Project dams, such as Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge.

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