Blueprints for a proposed Colorado Watershed Conservation Association, sponsored jointly by the Colorado Agricultural Planning Committee and the State Association of Conservation Districts, have been completed. The new group is designed to consolidate existing data on Colorado's water resources, and bring together all water users into a single organization which can furnish a nucleus for the formation of a sound state-wide water policy.

Essentially the objectives of the Watershed Conservation Association include:

1. To provide an opportunity for all concerned to become acquainted with the State's water resources, and their allocation and use.

2. To provide all interested groups a place to discuss water problems, become acquainted with each other's problems, and have a part in working out solutions to the problems.

3. To provide an opportunity for those who use the resource to participate in the preparation of the policies for use, allocation and development of the State's water resources.

The sponsors have requested the Colorado A&M College Extension Service to assist in the organizational phase of the new program. The proposed organization actually will be a federation of all water users - municipal, agricultural, and industrial. Plans have been completed by the local organization committee to officially organize the Mesa County Watershed Conservation Association the first half of April.

Your organization, being an important water user, has been included by the committee for membership in the County Watershed Conservation Association.

Your organization is requested to select someone from your governing board or membership to become a member of the County Watershed Conservation Association, and represent your organization's water interests.

Will you kindly inform the County Agent's Office by March 17, the name of your representative who will serve on the Mesa County Watershed Conservation Association?
A representative of the State Water Conservation Board, and the Colorado A&M Extension Service, will schedule meetings for several counties, convenient to their itinerary.

The Mesa County Watershed Conservation Association will select its own officers, any subcommittees the Association considers necessary, prepare its own bylaws, select its four delegates to represent the county water interests at the Regional Watershed Association, (Colorado-Gunnison), and in general, prepare its own program.

The four people selected from each County Association to serve as members of the Regional Watershed Association, (Colorado-Gunnison Rivers), will include:

A. Agriculture (two)
   1. One representing livestock
   2. One representing crops

B. Cities and towns (two)
   1. One representing municipal
   2. One representing industrial

The Regional Watershed (Colorado-Gunnison Basin), includes six counties. This would make a total Regional Association of twenty-four members. The Regional Association would select four members as outlined in A and B above, to serve on a State Watershed Conservation Association. Plans have been drawn up for organization of the State group. The key to the success of these plans is the strong county groups, composed of representatives of all water interests. The county groups will then select representatives to serve on Regional Associations in six major watershed areas - Arkansas, Rio Grande, San Juan, Colorado, Yampa-White, and Platte, including the North Platte and Republican. With six major watersheds in Colorado, the State Association would include twenty-four members.

We will mail your representative to the County Association, the date of the organization meeting as soon as it has been scheduled.

Very truly yours,

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