GRAND JUNCTION -- Conflicts and inconsistencies between stated national goals of high ranking Washington officials and actions of lower ranking bureaucrats in Western Colorado dominated meetings of Club 20's natural resources committee and board of directors in Grand Junction Friday night.

Representatives from the respective regions urged Club 20 to take a strong stand against scenic and wild rivers designation on the Yampa, Gunnison and Dolores rivers. Roger Blouch and Dennis Kirtland of Delta said the Smith Fork hydroelectric project on the Gunnison was of critical importance to Delta. Blouch said whatever wild and scenic attributes the Gunnison River has are a result of the Curecanti project and not nature.

David Denton of Cortez said the Dolores is neither wild nor scenic since its dry most of the year and Buck Salter expressed concern for the Juniper-Cross hydroelectric project proposed near Craig since it would be precluded by designation on the Yampa.

Noting project features of both hydroelectric production and water conservation for other energy resource development projects, John Benton of Burns said the Carter Administration and the nation could not have both: increased energy supplies and restrictive river designations.

The board voted to support water conservation and hydroelectric projects wherever a conflict with scenic and wild rivers designation arises.

In other action, the board:

-- Set February 8, 9 and 10, 1980 for Club 20's Annual Meeting with emphasis on the specific water needs and problems of locales throughout Western Colorado.

-- Issued a request to Governor Richard Lamm to place the "Sagebrush Rebellion" on his call for the coming legislative session to gain a full airing of the pros and cons of the issue. The states of Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and California are in varying stages of formal action on the issue. Natural Resources Committee Chairman Wayne Aspinall called the issue an outgrowth of the inequity between lands turned over to the Eastern States on admission to the union and lands retained by the federal government when the Western states were admitted.
-- Reiterated its opposition to more than minimal wilderness additions under the Forest Service's RARE II program on the basis that that is the position of a majority of Western Coloradans as reflected in information gathering sessions conducted by Club 20 throughout Western Colorado last year.

-- Voted to conduct similar hearings next spring to gather specific input and data on areas being considered for wilderness designation by the Bureau of Land Management.

-- Decided to intervene on behalf of the Larkin Ditch Company on the Colorado River near Palisade. The Army Corps of Engineers has threatened a daily fine unless a temporary diversion dam is removed. The ditch company has been carving out the diversion dam annually for more than 45 years. Such dams, of natural river bed materials are washed away during run-off. The Corp's apparent requirement for a 404 permit for irrigators, thought to be exempt from the program, was called one that would severely affect every irrigator in Western Colorado and prompted Bill Prather of DeBeque to say it would lead to a shortage in national food supplies similar to that of fuel supplies within five years.

-- Reaffirmed its support of a $3 per barrel tax credit for oil shale development as an option that should be available to developing companies as well as the more costly Carter Administration proposal.

-- Heard Club 20 President John Vanderhoof say the organization will make a strong effort for tourism at the Anaheim and Denver travel shows in early 1980.

-- Heard Transportation Chairman Stan Dodson report on Club 20's presentation to the Colorado Highway Commission. Dodson said Club 20 urged flexibility and preparation for a rapid response to sudden needs brought about by escalated energy development. Dodson also expressed concern for a stringent bottleneck in Glenwood Canyon with three to five contractors working simultaneously on four-laning across the next several years while energy related traffic is increasing. This issue was set aside for further discussion at the annual meeting.

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