Fellow Coloradan:

The undersigned, your Governor and Attorney General, have been consulting with nearly a hundred men with strong water use backgrounds, representing all areas of the State, in an effort to determine what the State of Colorado should do to accelerate the protection and development of its water resources. We have been informed that these individuals believe that the people of Colorado feel very strongly that there are many programs that should be vigorously pursued. Outlines of a strong program have been presented at the last session of the Legislature and to over a thousand people in the State.

Therefore, we have arranged for you, as one of the water users of our State, on Wednesday, June 4, 1958, in Denver, Colorado, at the Silver Glade Room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, to hear and discuss these recommendations and contribute to the development of a more aggressive water development program for Colorado. The Agenda for this "Water Congress" is enclosed.

Colorado has been the only western state without a well-organized, grass-roots water users group. We wish to create an opportunity to consolidate and crystallize the current feeling for strengthening the Colorado water program. You are therefore invited to attend and lend your influence toward the advancement of Colorado's water development.

Very truly yours,

Steve McNichols
Governor of Colorado

Duke W. Dunbar
Attorney General of Colorado

P.S. The lack of adequate records does not permit us to be sure that this invitation goes to every interested water user. Hence, we would very much appreciate your advising other water users in your area of this meeting, and extending our invitation to them to participate.
AGENDA

COLORADO WATER CONGRESS

June 4, 1958

SILVER GLADE ROOM - COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL
18TH AVENUE AND BROADWAY
DENVER, COLORADO

8:30 - 9:30
General Registration

9:30
Call to Order, John B. Barnard, Jr., Chairman

9:30
Address of Honorable Stephen L. R. McNichols,
Governor of Colorado

9:45
Address of Honorable Duke W. Dunbar,
Attorney General of Colorado

10:00
Outline of program and purposes of Congress,
and reading of the proposed platform, by the
Chairman

10:30
Address - Mr. L. N. McClellan, Consultant to
the Governor on Water Matters and
former Chief Engineer, Bureau of
Reclamation

10:45
Explanation and background of items in the
platform by the following:

Colorado Water Conservation Board; need for
additional funds
Mr. Raphael J. Moses, Vice-Chairman,
Colorado Water Conservation Board

Colorado Interstate Relations - Upper Colorado
River Commission
Mr. Felix L. Sparks, Attorney
Colorado Water Conservation Board

Supremacy of State Water Rights
Mr. Glenn G. Saunders, Counsel,
Board of Water Commissioners,
City and County of Denver
Problems of Administration of Surface and Ground Water
Mr. J. R. Barkley, Secretary-Engineer, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

A Colorado Water Research Center
Mr. Charles C. Fisk, Water Supply Engineer, Board of Water Commissioners, City and County of Denver

Problems of the Colorado River
Mr. John B. Barnard, Sr., Counsel Colorado River Water Conservation District

A Colorado Water Association and Public Information on Water Matters
Mr. John B. Clayton, Chairman, Colorado Bar Association Water Section and Counsel, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

12:00
Recess for Lunch

1:30
Area meetings, designation of areas and place of meetings to be announced prior to recess for lunch

3:30
Congress reconvenes for report of area representatives

5:00
Adjournment

Thursday, June 5, 1958

9:30 A.M.
If the area meetings report that it is advisable to carry out the recommendation on creation of a state-wide water association, a committee, composed of the area representatives selected at the area meetings, plus such additional members as may be appointed by the Governor and Attorney General, will meet at 9:30 A.M., Thursday, June 5, 1958, in the State Senate Chamber in the State Capitol Building, for the purpose of considering ways and means of carrying out such recommendation.