

Water Rights

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Summary Information

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Historical note

Several Colorado water rights issues ensued from the late 1980s through the 1990s. In 1989, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) vetoed the construction of Two Forks on the South Platte River, a \$1 billion, federally funded dam project meant to conserve Colorado water in preparation for future population growth. The EPA vetoed the project in order to protect fishing and recreation areas that would be flooded by the dam's construction, citing sections of the Clean Water Act as precedent. Proponents of Two Forks within Denver's Metropolitan Water providers and over 40 suburban water providers filed suit against the EPA from 1990-1991 to attempt to repeal the veto, though the Denver Water Board dropped out in late 1991 in favor of alternative water conservation measures. In 1992, a similar dispute erupted between the state, the Ute Indian tribes of Southwest Colorado, and environmentalist groups over the Animas-La Plata project. The federally funded, \$60 million water diversion project was meant to divert water resources from the Animas and La Plata rivers toward Ute reservations for the sake of economic development for the tribes. The diversion of the waters would have harmed the endangered Squawfish of the Colorado River, which caused many environmentalist groups to oppose the project. Despite the dispute, the Animas-La Plata project finally proceeded in 2002. By 1993, however, the EPA formally halted the Two-Forks project, prompting many state counties and cities to seek alternative solutions to Colorado's water resource allocation.

Scope and Contents note

The Colorado Water Rights collection includes documents relating to various prominent water rights disputes within the state of Colorado, mostly between the late-1980s and early 1990s. Disputes over the Two Forks Reservoir, the Animas-La Plata River project, and water sharing between state counties are among the most prominent issues discussed. The collection is organized by the numerous organizations, activist groups, government agencies, and think tanks that took part in much of the public discussion over Colorado water, including: the Colorado Forum, the Wilderness Society, the Colorado River Water Conservation District, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Denver Water Department, the Denver Board of Water Commissioners, and more. Some of the documents are also organized as stand-alone events on water issues, such as the 1993 Colorado Water Convention, which included many different groups and political figures. The document types include correspondence, news releases, newspaper clippings, publications, unpublished studies, event papers, and legal documents.

Arrangement note

Due to the many types of material and numerous actors involved in this collection, it is divided into series by the different organizations involved with water Colorado water rights in the 1990s. Within each series, the folders are categorized mostly by document type. The last folder includes newspaper clippings documenting the course of various water rights issues as they occurred.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Provenance

The Colorado Water Rights collection was donated by William and Suzanne Hornby. William Hornby was formerly the managing editor of The Denver Post, producing articles and editorials in over 50 newspapers throughout the country . The collection was artificially sorted from documents included in his own personal papers. Hornby kept track of many Colorado water issues for news stories in The Denver Post, and was in direct contact with many important individuals and organizations associated with various water issues in the 1980s and 1990s.

Processing Information note

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

For similar material, see Mss.1475, Geddes and MacDougall, P.C.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Hornby, William H., 1974-1995

Subject(s)

- Environment.
 - Environmental protection--Colorado.
 - Water districts--Colorado.
 - Water rights--Colorado.
 - Water-supply--Colorado--Denver.
 - Water.
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Collection Inventory

1993 Colorado Water Convention 1993

FF 1 Correspondence - Lee Rozaklis, Hydrosphere Resource Consultants to Ken Salazar, Exec. Director of Dept. of Natural Resources Jan. 18, 1993

FF 2 Speeches - Gov. Roy Romer Jan. 4, 1993

FF 3 Speeches - Mayor Margaret Carpenter, Thornton Jan. 4, 1993

FF 4 Speeches - Mayor Greg Lopez, Parker Jan. 1993

FF 5 Summary of Participant Survey Results 1993

Colorado Forum 1990-1992

FF6 Correspondence - Sam W. Maynes, Attorney, to Herrick Roth, Director June 15, 1990

FF 7 Correspondence - Herrick S. Roth, Director, to Manuel Lujan, Jr., Sec. of the Interior June 18, 1990

FF 8 Correspondence - Herrick S. Roth, Director Colorado Forum to Manuel Lujan, Jr., Sec. of the Interior July 3, 1990

FF 9 Correspondence - Senator William L. Armstrong to Herrick S. Roth, Director Colorado Forum June 25, 1990

FF 10 Correspondence - Marshall Kaplan, Univ. of Colorado at Denver to Gail Clapper, Colorado Forum Oct. 29, 1990

FF 11 Correspondence - Herrick S. Roth, Director, to Water Policy Committee, w/ Book Chapter, Drafts Mar. 5, 1992

FF 12 Correspondence - Herrick S. Roth, Director, to Water Policy Committee, w/ articles Apr. 24, 1992

FF 13 Letter to the Editor, The Denver Post, by Herrick S. Roth May 6, 1992

FF 14 Aspen Meeting, July 5-6, 1990 - Event Booklet Pages July 5-6, 1990

FF 15 Aspen Meeting, July 5-6, 1990 - Event Discussion Planning Document 1990

FF 16 Aspen Meeting, July 5-6, 1990 - Discussions July 5-6, 1990

FF 17 Aspen Meeting, July 5-6, 1990 - Attendee/Presenter Biographies July 5-6, 1990

FF 18 Aspen Meeting, July 5-6, 1990 - Agendas for August/September 1990

FF 19 Vail Meeting, July 3, 1991 - Discussion Ingredients July 3, 1991

FF 20 Vail Meeting, July 3, 1991 - Water Issue Synopsis July 3, 1991

Colorado River Water Conservation District

Colorado River Water Conservation District 1984

FF 21 Correspondence - Rial R. Lake, Pres. CRWCD to Gov. Richard D. Lamm w/ Attachment Aug. 16, 1984

FF 22 Letter to the Editor, The Denver Post - "Wilderness and Reserved Rights" by Roland C. Fischer Oct. 12, 1984

FF 23 US District Court for District of Colorado, Stipulation of Settlement - Colorado River Water Conservation District v. James G. Watt [1980s]

FF 24 General Booklet [1987-1988]

Colorado Water Congress 1990-1991

FF 25 General Letter - "Colorado Water Realities" by Jim Erger, Past President June 14, 1991

FF 26 Newsletter - Colorado Water Rights, Vol 9, No 3 - Summer/Fall 1990 Summer/Fall 1990

Colorado Water Conservation Board 1985, 1988, 1990

FF 27 Correspondence - Felix Sparks, Director CWCB to Gov. John Vanderhoof and David Foote Apr. 10, 1985

FF 28 Correspondence - William McDonald, Director CWCB to CWCB Members May 9, 1990

FF 29 "A Primer on Colorado's Water Policies" by William McDonald, Director CWCB 1988

Denver Board of Water Commissioners

Denver Board of Water Commissioners 1990-1991

FF 30 Correspondence - Rep. Patrick Grant to William Reilly, EPA, Denver Board of Water Commissioners, and Metropolitan Water Providers Executive Committee July 12, 1990

FF 31 Correspondence - LaJuana S. Wilcher, Asst. Admin. EPA, to W.H. Miller, Manager, Denver Board of Water Commissioners July 18, 1990

FF 32 Correspondence - H.J. Barry, Manager Denver Board of Water Commissioners to LaJuana Wilcher, Asst. Admin. for Water EPA Sept. 11, 1991

Denver Water Department March 9, 1992

FF 33 Correspondence and op-ed Piece - Kathy Richardson, Manager for Media Relations, Denver Water, to Chuck Green, Editorial Page Editor, The Denver Post March 9, 1992

FF 34 Corrective Actions for the Denver Area's South Platte Storage Proposal, Prepared by Denver Water Dept. and Metropolitan Water Participants July 20, 1990

Natural Energy Resources Company 1991-1992

FF 35 Correspondence - Dave Miller, Colorado Water Strategist to Roger Morris, Managing Editor of The Gunnison Country Times, w/ attached articles 1991

FF 36 General Information mailed to W.H. Hornby, Editor, The Denver Post Feb. 1992

Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado 1987, 1991-1992

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

FF 37 Presentations - Charles F. Wilkinson, Colorado Water Workshop, Gunnison CO July 27, 1987

FF 38 Presentations - David H. Getches, Metropolitan Denver Water Authority 7th Annual Meeting, Denver CO Dec. 12, 1991

FF 39 Booklet - America's Waters: A New Era of Sustainability Dec. 1992

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District 1992

FF 40 Correspondence - Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., Principal Counsel, to Larry D. Simpson, General Manager, NCWCD w/ legal documents Feb. 5, 1992

FF 41 Magazine - Waternews Fall 1992

The Wilderness Society/American Rivers 1991-1992

FF 42 Correspondence - Kevin J. Coyle, Pres. of American Rivers, and George T. Frampton, Jr., Pres. of The Wilderness Society to Pres. George Bush June 21, 1991

F 43 "A National Charter for River Protection and Water Use" ND

FF 44 News Releases 1991-1992

FF 45 "List of Selected Water Issues in U.S. (June 1991)" 1991

FF 46 Conference Booklet - River Protection and Water USE: Setting the Conservation Agenda for the '90s June 20-23, 1991

Colorado Water Resources Research Institute 1990

FF 47 Budget Request, FY 1991-1992 June 11, 1990

Colorado River Water Users Association ND

FF 48 Brochure - "Living with a Water Giant: The Colorado River" ND

Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority Feb. 1988

FF 49 Project Map Feb. 1988

Two Forks Dam Veto 1989, 1991

FF 50 Lawsuit, Colorado Water Districts v. William E. Reilly, EPA [1991-1996]

FF 51 News Release, Statement, Chronology 1991

FF 52 Booklet - Two Forks: Permit Conditions June 1989

Misc. Publications 1982, 1990, 1992

FF 53 "Colorado Water: The Next 100 Years" Final Report - Pub. by Front Range Community College Aug. 1992

Newspaper Clippings

FF 54 In Brief: A Quarterly Newsletter on Environmental Law, pub. by Sierra Club Defense Fund Spring 1990

FF 55 Issue Update: Water for Colorado's Future: Part I and II, from Sen. William L. Armstrong March 1982

FF 56 Recovery Program for the Endangered Fishes of the Upper Colorado, pub. by State of Colorado Division of Wildlife Spring 1990

FF 57 Unpublished Report - Report: Animas-LaPlata and Colorado Ute Water Rights Settlement Act: Economic Impact Study, Prepared by Bookman-Edonston Engineering, Inc. Dec. 1994

Newspaper Clippings 1985-1995

FF 58 Water Issues July 1985-Nov. 1991

FF 59 Water Issues Nov. 1991-Nov. 1992

FF 60 Water Issues Jan. 1993-Feb. 1995, ND

FF 61 Water/Environmental/Tax Issues Dec. 1992-Feb. 1993