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## WATER ADMINISTRATION

### CURRENT WATER YEAR

The 1984-1985 water year was again one of increasing complexity with respect to water administration. Several items that haven't previously been a large part of normal administrative activities combined to make 1984-1985 a busy year. Included in this category are the hearings and background work done in connection with the abandonment list, the installation and maintenance of the satellite monitoring system, time spent dealing with non-tributary groundwater, and the time spent implementing the computer into the daily operation of the office.

### Accomplishments

The ordinary administration of water rights operated relatively smoothly in 1984-85. Going into the irrigation season, we experienced full reservoirs and an ample water supply. The CBT system provided approximately 120,000 acre-feet of non-charge water during April, May and June which helped keep the early call off the river. During the 101 days of call in 1984-1985, augmentation plans were administered, and a total of 34,719 acre-feet was released for replacement.

Activities with the water court included 468 consultations, 331 appearances in court (including the referee's hearings), 594 structures placed on the abandonment list, and the entry of 355 decrees involving 1,416 structures.

Personnel in division 1 performed 205 inspections of dams in 1984 - 1985. Currently, 118 dams are under restriction for safety reasons. Those restrictions reduce the available water storage in the division by 117,410 acre-feet.

The division and district offices again made field inspections of wells involved with late registration and replacement. Additionally, a large part of district 2 was field checked for compliance of wells with the rules and regulations governing the withdrawal of tributary groundwater. That program involved 307 on-site inspections and resulted in the issuance of 116 cease and desist letters, and one injunction.

The satellite monitoring program was initiated during the past year. The division now has 52 stations

reporting, including 30 installed by the division, 18 Corps of Engineers' stations, 4 stations owned by Aurora and up to 5 more are anticipated for installation in the near future. Continuous monitoring and updating of information reported by these stations has resulted in improved river administration.

Lastly, the incorporation of a computer into the daily operation has been time consuming, but offers more flexibility and quicker response in the areas of word processing, data file management, diversion record entry and communications.

### **Involvement in Water User Community**

The division has been involved in meetings with many of the major water user groups as well as individual water users and the public. Meetings of groups including GASP, CCWCD, District 6 Water Users, LSPWCD, NCWCD and the South Platte Coalition were attended. The division has contacted various ditch companies in an effort to solve problems in operation or disputes regarding water rights. We have coordinated releases of water from Chatfield and Cherry Creek reservoirs with the Army Corps of Engineers to allow construction in the channels downstream of the dams.

### **Key Issues/Impacts**

Probably the largest impact on division 1 operation comes from the passage of Senate Bill 5 regarding non-tributary groundwater and the associated large number of water right applications involving non-tributary groundwater. The relatively large number of applications produces equally as many hearings regarding non-tributary water. Preparation for the hearings is very detailed and requires increased interaction with the groundwater operations branch in Denver.

Another issue that is beginning to impact administrative practices is the ability of certain water right owners to use, re-use and successively use developed, non-tributary and transbasin waters to extinction. Complex systems, such as Denver and Aurora with their associated water rights, necessitate that a much more detailed and descriptive accounting system be implemented and utilized. In order to reach the level of accuracy and speed needed to properly account for water use in such systems, a large effort in developing new computer accounting sheets and modelling techniques is anticipated.

## Unresolved Problems and Tasks

A major concern that remains to be resolved is the upgrade of the reservoir accounting system. This continually becomes more important as time progresses and the potential for re-use and exchange increases. The practical solution to make the accounting system easier to use and more explanatory involves converting the system to operate on a computer. Although preliminary efforts have started the process, the majority of work still remains to be done. Several reasons have combined to keep this task from being accomplished. Included are the increased workload described earlier and the need for spreadsheet software and an IBM compatible computer to interface with those of the commissioners.

There are some personnel related problems that need to be addressed in the near future. Included are altering and updating job descriptions for many positions. In addition, there are some employees that need a performance evaluation. The main reason that these tasks have not been accomplished is my unfamiliarity with the people, their job assignments, and the performance evaluation system.

## Workload Changes/Effect on Staff

With the increased court-related activity brought on by the abandonment proceedings, non-tributary groundwater applications, and the large number of water right applications, staff time spent dealing with these problems has been increased. As such, less time has been available to support water commissioner activities and daily water administration. Recent staffing changes should help to solve the non-tributary issues and to provide more support to the commissioners.

With the influx of people to the front range area, more and more demand is being placed on water commissioners to check new water right applications and to solve disputes between water users and/or the general public. These demands have stretched some commissioner's workload to twice the amount required. As a result, those commissioners are seeking more time for their deputies and are looking for methods to spread out their workloads and make them manageable.

The workload for hydrographers has been extended due to the addition of the satellite monitoring system. The system has added new duties and responsibilities to the hydrographers' work; however, the recent staffing changes should allow sufficient time for these tasks to

be adequately addressed.

As part of the task related to incorporating the computer into the daily operation of the division office, most of the files that existed on the state's computers were transferred to the office PC. This task has taken a significant amount of time by the office staff and has prevented us from utilizing those files as much as is desired.

#### **Budget Impact on Division Operations**

Probably the most paramount effect of the budget restrictions is the ever-increasing workload being placed on water commissioners. The complexity and size of their jobs are continually increasing; however, the only practical solution is to add personnel to ease that load. A shift or re-allocation of the current budget would not be sufficient to aid this problem.

One area in which adjustments could be beneficial is in the travel and subsistence allocation. The ability to utilize that source of money elsewhere would result in more efficient utilization of those funds.

#### **COMING WATER YEAR**

##### **Problems/Concerns**

One issue that has effected and will continue to effect this office is the non-tributary groundwater issue. As rules and regulations governing the use of this water become effective, the staff will necessarily have to become familiar with those rules and how they affect administration. More time in court associated with non-tributary groundwater applications is anticipated. The overall impact produced by the development of non-tributary groundwater resources will result in additional amounts of time and resources being allocated to non-tributary groundwater.

Another concern that will impact the division this coming year will be that of improving accounting procedures for the river system, especially in relation to water rights serving the Denver Metro area. As the metropolitan entities demand more flexibility in utilizing their water rights as have occurred in the past, it is necessary that adequate accounting be developed to properly manage the stream system.

The coming year will see the computer becoming an integral tool in water rights administration. The computer offers numerous advantages related to all

facets of administration, including satellite monitoring, data file manipulation, dissemination of information, engineering support, word processing and record keeping. Allocating adequate time to all of these uses will become increasingly difficult.

Administratively, there exist several potential problems that may arise this year. Included will be the administration of Cherry Creek above Cherry Creek Reservoir, administration of rights on Beebe Draw, enforcement of wells operating out-of-compliance with the rules and regulations concerning groundwater, and stricter monitoring of the operation of plans for augmentation.

Lastly, there are several bills proposed by the Legislative Committee on Water and Land Resources that would impact this office.

#### Concerns not to be addressed

Of the concerns listed above, only the administration of Cherry Creek and Beebe Draw may not be addressed. If those issues are not raised during the year by other water users, they will most likely not be addressed. Additionally, some engineering studies related to those areas would prove helpful prior to any active administration.

#### Projected Work Items/Staff

For 1985-1986, several specific items and concerns are to be addressed. The first will be the development of reservoir accounting procedures to handle on-stream reservoirs. A computer package that will account for the various types, sources, and priorities of water in those reservoirs at all times is the goal of this task. This would allow the commissioner to keep track of each user's capability to store under any given priority and also how much water is available for exchange and/or re-use.

Another task that is proposed concerns non-tributary groundwater. The division office hopes to accomplish the following items in relation to non-tributary groundwater:

1. Provide support in the preparation and presentation of findings that are required to be sent to the water court. As part of this commitment, division staff will do as much liaison work as possible to assist in meeting deadlines for findings and keeping advised as to

the status of hearings for given cases.

2. A data base of structures withdrawing non-tributary groundwater will be started. The data base will document the decretal amounts, diversions, limitations, and conditions pertaining to such structures.
3. The division staff plans to become increasingly effective in court hearings concerning non-tributary groundwater. We plan to be able to support the state engineer's findings and provide the needed responses to applicant's testimony.

It is anticipated that the division's overall participation in the non-tributary groundwater issues will lead to increased credibility in that area and streamline the process involved with non-tributary groundwater application and use.

Now that the computer is a familiar tool and many files have been entered into the computer, a last goal of this office will be to utilize those files to the maximum extent possible. We will expand the file of court applications so that it can be sorted by district and sent to water commissioners for their use in keeping track of non-decreed water right applications. Augmentation files will be monitored more closely for administration. Water diversion records will be kept up-to-date as much as is possible.

#### **Projected Work Items/Division Engineer**

My primary goal for the upcoming year is to gain a better understanding and provide improved administration of water rights within the Division. The main objective in this goal is to get a reservoir accounting package operational for on-stream reservoirs above Denver.

Another goal is to revise and make current all job descriptions in the division. Included will be some shifting of responsibilities to fit the personnel now on board. Additionally, work plans and job performance evaluations will be initiated.

Lastly, I feel that this year will be important to establish the state's credibility in the administration of non-tributary groundwater. I plan to spend the necessary time in supporting and presenting the state's policies in that regard.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Policies

Concerning the administration of water, a clarification of policy related to non-tributary groundwater would be helpful. Because of the many recent changes in the way non-tributary groundwater is adjudicated and administered, such a clarification would greatly help the division. Additionally, some assistance in developing a policy for reservoir administration is needed.

As mentioned earlier in the report, a change in how travel and subsistence can be expended would result in more efficient use of these funds at given times.

Regarding litigation, it seems very important that a major effort be made to make timely findings for well permits and for determinations of available non-tributary groundwater. This would help immensely in the adjudication process and possibly reduce the time spent in litigation over the long run.

### Personnel Change

It may be possible to improve the effectiveness of administration in water districts 1, 8, 9, 23 and 80 by shifting boundaries and job responsibilities in those districts. It may also be necessary to increase the available man-months in those districts to handle the workload and insure that competent people will remain in those areas.

### Budgetary Priorities

It appears that the main budgetary priority is to obtain additional support in man-months in the water districts. Secondly, any help towards supporting the division's need for computer hardware and software would yield benefits in work efficiency.

### Legislation

Some legislation that would guarantee funding of the satellite monitoring system would remove the threat of losing the system before we are fully able to utilize it. Additionally, we would welcome any legislation aimed at reducing the adversary nature of water right adjudication.

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Statistical information for the following categories follows in the order listed:

A. Administration of Plans for Augmentation

Division one has approximately 282 plans for augmentation. In 1985, about 34,719 acre-feet were released for replacement purposes. For a district by district breakdown of the releases made for augmentation, refer to the summary of water diversions for 1985 in section D that follows.

B. Transmountain Diversions

C. Storage Water

D. Water Diversions

E. Court Activities

F. Office Administration

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TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS SUMMARY - INFLOWS

RECIPIENT		1984 WATER YEAR				1985 WATER YEAR				SOURCE	
WD	NAME	STREAM	AF	DAYS	AF	DAYS	AF	DAYS	WD	STREAM	
03	Wilson Supply Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	278	11	0	0	0	0	48	Sand & Deadman Cr.	
03	Deadman Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	6.2	3	0	0	0	0	48	Deadman Creek	
03	Bob Creek Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	Nunn Creek	
03	Columbine Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	Deadman Creek	
03	Laramie-Poudre Tunnel	Cache La Poudre River	18,030	75	13,760	87	0	0	48	Laramie River	
03	Skyline Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	1,230	19	0	0	0	0	48	Laramie River	
03	Cameron Pass Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	Michigan River	
03	Michigan Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	227	20	0	0	0	0	47	Michigan River	
03	Grand River Ditch	Cache La Poudre River	17,620	111	20,820	131	0	0	51	Colorado River	
04	Eureka Ditch	Big Thompson River	36	105	0	0	0	0	51	Colorado River	
04	Adams Tunnel	Big Thompson River	195,500	324	285,200	365	0	0	51	Colorado River	
06	Moffat Tunnel	South Platte River	50,150	351	78,870	365	0	0	51	Fraser River	
07	Berthoud Pass Ditch	Clear Creek	1,120	119	567	105	0	0	51	Fraser River	
07	Vidler Tunnel	Clear Creek	704	75	358	72	0	0	51	Montezuma Creek	
23-											
08	Roberts Tunnel	South Platte River	0	0	27	7	0	0	36	Blue River	
23	Boreas Pass Ditch	South Platte River	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	Indiana Creek	
23	Hoosier Pass Ditch	Arkansas River	7,290	159	7,290	158	0	0	36	Blue River	
23	Aurora Homestake	South Platte River	3,211	42	3,211	42	0	0	37	Homestake Creek	

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 1

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR			1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR			End 1985 Water Yr		
		Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF	%	Beg Irr Yr AF	%		Beg Irr Season AF	%
Bi-jou #2	South Platte	1,950	21	3,340	37	4,300	47	4,300	47	2,100
Empire	South Platte	14,815	39	30,552	81	11,951	32	34,930	93	19,649
Jackson	South Platte	17,634	49	21,263	60	15,083	42	36,120	101	18,051
Riverside	South Platte	16,342	26	61,597	97	6,290	10	63,492	100	8,817
Others	South Platte	752	26	1,017	35	394	16	946	44	145

**RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES**

WATER DISTRICT 2

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF	%	Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF	%	
Barr	South Platte	7,737	24	27,067	84	794	02	28,844	90	23,100
Coal Ridge	Little Dry Creek	664	101	497	76	447	68	356	55	503
Great Western	Walnut Creek	3,049	94	2,876	88	2,899	89	2,657	82	2,340
Horse Creek	South Platte	12,522	43	12,862	44	11,960	70	14,350	85	10,180
Lord	South Platte	179	10	327	19	338	09	338	09	73
Lower Latham	South Platte	4,136	67	5,947	96	4,985	80	5,079	82	2,578
Milton	South Platte	15,350	73	18,851	89	14,694	70	18,268	87	15,350
Prospect	South Platte	4,550	72	4,199	67	3,404	57	4,873	82	3,650
Quincy	South Platte	2,569	92	2,458	88	2,583	92	2,458	88	2,527
Standley	Woman Creek	41,957	99	37,095	86	41,535	98	34,908	82	33,976
Others						785	41	925	50	1,016

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 3

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	
		AF		AF		AF		AF		
Fossil Creek	Fossil Creek	0	0	0	0	4,980	43	6,419	56	7,373
Halligan	N Fk Poudre River	6,376	99	4,453	69	5,680	88	5,680	88	6,428
Indian Creek	Indian Creek	0	0	890	47	1,556	82	1,524	80	1,690
Mountain Supply										
North Poudre #2	N Fk Poudre River	1,776	45	2,731	69	0	0	1,110	28	1,736
North Poudre #3	N Fk Poudre River	0	0	2,613	75	2,760	80	2,867	83	2,955
North Poudre #4	N Fk Poudre River	775	45	773	46	0	0	579	35	773
North Poudre #5	N Fk Poudre River	3,495	41	3,557	42	4,232	50	3,936	47	4,673
North Poudre #6	N Fk Poudre River	870	09	732	07	546	05	927	09	842
North Poudre #15	N Fk Poudre River	3,813	69	3,340	60	3,522	64	3,786	69	0
Park Creek	Park Creek	6,747	91	5,653	77	5,107	70	5,585	76	0
Cobb Lake	Cache La Poudre R	20,510	92	20,625	92	19,130	85	18,850	84	17,100
Seaman aka Milton Seaman	N Fk Poudre River	3,292	66	868	17	1,567	31	2,336	47	2,098
Claymore	Cache La Poudre R	354	35	620	61	105	10	550	54	409
Panhandle	Panhandle Creek	1,011	43	1,011	43	841	36	841	36	841
Seeley	Cache La Poudre R	1,144	74	1,069	69	532	35	1,138	74	0
Warren	Cache La Poudre R	1,531	73	1,459	69	1,501	64	1,289	55	990
Wood	Rollard Draw	1,786	58	2,115	68	1,619	52	1,672	54	1,724
Joe Wright aka Cameron	Joe Wright Creek	5,310	74	5,992	83	4,988	70	5,412	76	4,173
Rawhide	Cache La Poudre R	15,390	100	16,082	104	15,638	100	15,903	102	15,400
Horsetooth	Dixon Canyon Cr	111,220	73	143,724	94	63,603	42	130,528	86	86,511

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES (Continued)

WATER DISTRICT 3

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	
		AF		AF		AF		AF		
Douglass	Cache La Poudre R	4,399	47	5,134	55	6,100	65	6,911	74	6,958
Windsor Res. #8	Cache La Poudre R	8,070	78	8,097	79	8,023	78	7,858	76	7,438
No. 8 Annex	Cache La Poudre R	2,870	78	2,879	78	2,847	78	2,775	76	2,596
Windsor Res.	Cache La Poudre R	8,852	50	16,333	92	7,511	42	10,439	59	9,669
Chambers	Joe Wright Cr	2,868	32	3,050	34	2,253	25	4,671	53	1,197
Long Draw aka Grand River	Long Draw Cr	7,639	69	8,968	82	8,323	76	9,791	89	6,930
Black Hollow	Cache La Poudre R	3,445	43	3,777	47	3,700	46	3,738	46	4,089
Curtis	Cache La Poudre R	718	57	766	61	718	57	736	58	730
Kluver	Cache La Poudre R	802	70	785	68	793	69	802	70	656
Long Pond aka Water Supply #5,6,7	Cache La Poudre R	2,757	68	2,949	72	2,909	72	2,989	74	2,575
Rocky Ridge aka Water Supply #1	Cache La Poudre R	3,423	77	3,586	81	3,403	77	3,403	77	3,403
Water Supply #3	Long Pond Res.	3,900	81	3,609	75	3,161	65	3,197	66	3,514
Water Supply #4	Long Pond Res.	655	45	866	59	662	45	718	49	843
Terry aka Larimer Weld	Cache La Poudre R	5,191	64	5,590	68	4,805	59	4,890	60	5,635
Worster	Sheep Creek	273	07	932	25	181	05	622	17	480
Timnath	Duck Slough	1,735	17	10,131	101	7,306	73	9,460	94	2,667
Windsor Lake	Cache La Poudre R	969	66	1,032	70	588	40	866	59	0
Barnes	Barnes Meadows Cr	1,846	50	1,949	53	1,877	80	289	12	118
Others		4,580	27	4,157	24	4,156	24	5,885	34	7,003

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 4

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR			1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR			End 1985 Water Yr		
		Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season %	Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season %			
Boulder & Larimer aka Ish	Little Thompson	5,400	74	7,061	96	2,588	35	4,812	66	1,289
Boyd Lake	Big Thompson	39,662	68	40,590	69	36,351	62	40,590	69	28,123
Carter	Big Thompson	59,559	53	107,259	96	93,870	84	101,459	91	46,461
Donath	Big Thompson	425	37	1,013	88	437	38	1,004	87	65
Hertha Reservoir	Dry Cr. Hertha	531	28	368	19	0	00	1,703	90	385
Horseshoe Reservoir	Big Thompson	5,065	63	6,863	85	7,231	90	5,167	64	4,659
Lake Loveland	Big Thompson	9,640	76	11,772	92	4,335	34	12,249	96	9,265
Lon Hagler	Big Thompson	4,951	98	5,018	100	4,990	99	5,010	100	2,420
Lone Tree	Big Thompson	7,164	77	8,525	92	7,806	84	8,869	96	5,952
Loveland Lake	Big Thompson	1,297	55	1,920	82	1,574	67	1,856	79	1,271
Marino	Big Thompson	2,884	52	5,260	94	4,731	85	5,493	99	780
Welch Lake	Big Thompson	6,147	91	6,561	97	6,058	90	5,835	86	5,240
Others		2,006	55	1,870	52	2,381	54	2,391	54	1,880



**RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES**

WATER DISTRICT 5

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	
Beaver Pond	Beaver Creek	1,386	64	1,679	78	1,536	71	1,616	75	1,386
Foothills	St. Vrain	2,158	49	3,000	69	2,969	68	3,789	87	2,651
Highland #1	St. Vrain	884	83	895	84	916	89	1,033	100	726
Highland #2	St. Vrain	2,793	75	3,192	86	2,583	70	3,589	97	2,631
Highland #3	St. Vrain	1,200	72	1,216	73	501	31	1,669	102	723
McIntosh	St. Vrain	1,745	71	1,839	75	1,816	71	2,459	96	814
Pleasant Valley	St. Vrain	2,586	84	3,043	99	2,460	80	3,076	100	2,460
Oligarchy Res. #1	St. Vrain	1,471	85	1,650	95	1,659	96	1,737	100	1,471
Union	St. Vrain	11,836	93	12,715	100	12,715	100	12,568	99	10,041
Left Hand Park	Left Hand Creek	995	65	1,032	68	1,050	64	1,085	66	620
Left Hand Valley	Left Hand Creek	2,557	68	3,763	99	3,307	88	3,593	96	1,544
Button Rock	St. Vrain	14,489	72	13,696	68	12,715	82	14,530	94	11,455
New Thomas	St. Vrain	2,130	57	1,931	52	1,761	47	1,651	44	2,104
Lagermann	Left Hand Creek	867	94	886	96	895	71	863	68	895

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 6

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	
		AF		AF		AF		AF		
Albion	Creek	1,111	100	1,111	100	1,111	100	1,100	100	1,100
Barker	Creek	4,805	42	1,022	09	7,881	69	3,542	31	8,898
Baseline	Creek	3,480	66	5,380	102	3,404	64	4,256	80	2,702
Boulder	Creek			4,736	27	5,090	29	5,784	33	5,446
Goose	North Boulder Cr.	0	0	225	22	388	37	1,036	100	1,036
Great Western	Coal Creek	3,026	93	2,872	88	2,899	89	2,656	82	2,328
Gross	South Boulder Cr.	32,426	77	26,614	63	37,485	89	24,523	58	30,220
Hillcrest	Boulder Creek	1,937	90	1,928	90	1,942	91	1,810	85	1,607
Leggett	Boulder Creek	1,399	90	1,392	90	1,402	90	1,305	84	1,157
Marshall	South Boulder Cr.	6,773	65	9,438	90	6,725	64	9,655	92	225
McKay	South Boulder Cr.	531	63	641	76	554	65	674	79	413
Panama	Boulder Creek	3,331	67	3,944	79	3,267	65	4,345	87	3,459
Silver	North Boulder Cr.	3,730	94	865	22	3,935	99	353	09	3,987
Six Mile	Boulder Creek	743	52	1,260	88	1,022	72	1,248	87	569
Valmont	South Boulder Cr.	6,807	92	6,787	91	6,819	92	6,511	88	6,028

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 7

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	
		AF		AF		AF		AF		
Ralston	Ralston Creek	9,870	77	9,248	73	10,098	79	9,628	76	8,601
Long Lake	Ralston Creek	1,261	83	1,159	77	351	26	655	48	189
Tucker	Ralston Creek	254	23	475	43	236	22	581	53	218
Leyden	Clear Creek	916	80	916	80	798	69	354	31	0
Hyatt	Clear Creek	819	75	818	75	443	40	546	50	477
Standley	Clear Creek	41,562	98	37,109	88	41,924	99	33,544	79	33,762
Coors B #3	Clear Creek	2,514	100	2,514	100	2,514	100	2,514	100	2,514
Coors B #4	Clear Creek					3,506	94	1,986	53	3,729
Blunn	Clear Creek	4,600	79	5,269	91	5,462	94	5,442	94	4,725
Others		11,766	78	9,460	63	9,669	64	6,863	46	8,510

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 8

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR			1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR			End 1985 Water Yr		
		Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF	Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF			
Aurora Rampart	Gulch	1,086	91	1,182	99	1,118	93	1,189	99	855
Chatfield	South Platte	26,289	37	24,387	34	27,266	38	27,495	38	27,036
Cherry Creek	Cherry Creek	14,092	06	15,499	06	15,103	06	14,226	06	13,598
Marston	South Platte	9,613	56	16,802	98	9,638	56	16,231	94	10,019
McLellan	Dad Clark Gulch	5,665	94	5,557	93	5,575	93	5,665	94	5,719
Platte Canon	South Platte	0	00	763	76	0	00	862	90	830
Quincy	South Platte	2,541	92	2,458	89	2,527	91	2,199	79	2,527
Strontia Springs	South Platte	7,021	89	7,264	92	7,166	91	7,225	92	7,333

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 8

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR			1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR			End 1985 Water Yr	
		Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season	Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season		
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Strontia Springs	South Platte	7,021	89	7,264	92	91	7,225	92	7,333

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 9

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF	%	Beg Irr Yr AF	%	Beg Irr Season AF	%	
Soda #2 (East)	Bear Creek	1,507	100	1,507	100	1,507	100	1,501	100	1,507
Bowles	Bear Creek	1,610	65	1,610	65	1,335	54	1,194	48	1,194
Patrick	Bear Creek	588	50	588	50	558	50	588	50	694
Bear Creek Res.	Bear Creek	1,989	03	2,217	03	2,154	03	2,226	03	2,027
Others		4,028	73	4,094	74	4,850	81	3,537	59	3,517

**RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES**

WATER DISTRICT 23

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr		Season		Beg Irr Yr		Season		
		AF	%	AF	%	AF	%	AF	%	
Antero	S Fk South Platte	15,996	19	15,878	19	15,937	19	15,996	19	15,957
Montgomery	Mid. Fk. S. Platte	3,979	78	610	12	4,686	92	994	20	2,916
Eleven Mile	Mid. Fk. S. Platte	97,799	100	97,779	100	102,018	104	100,532	103	98,938
Spinney Mountain	Mid. Fk. S. Platte	50,530	93	48,701	89	49,359	91	52,845	97	48,263

RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 64

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr		Beg Irr Season		Beg Irr Yr		Beg Irr Season		
		AF	%	AF	%	AF	%	AF	%	
Prewitt	South Platte	20,370	71	24,980	87	21,890	76	27,904	97	16,070
North Sterling	South Platte	29,250	36	70,040	85	36,810	45	71,488	87	22,020
Julesburg	South Platte	21,214	75	24,980	89	15,213	54	23,404	83	18,547



RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARIES

WATER DISTRICT 80

RESERVOIR NAME	STREAM SOURCE	PREVIOUS IRRIGATION YEAR				1984-1985 IRRIGATION YEAR				End 1985 Water Yr
		Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	Beg Irr Yr	%	Beg Irr Season	%	
Cheesman	S. Fk. S. Platte	77,251	98	79,553	101	78,732	100	79,844	101	73,150
Wellington	N. Fk. S. Platte	2,634	60	3,831	87	3,358	76	4,232	96	3,036
Others		1,038	84	1,037	84	1,048	85	1,089	88	799

1985 WATER DIVERSION SUMMARIES BY DISTRICT IN AF

WD	TOTAL DITCHES REPORTING				NU	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DITCH VISITATIONS	TOTAL DIVERSIONS -AF-	TOTAL DIVERSIONS TO STORAGE -AF-	TOTAL DIVERSIONS -AF-	IRRIGATION		AVERAGE AF PER ACRE
	WA	NWA	NR	WD						NUMBER OF ACRES	IRRIGATED	
01	257	7	186	68	2,765	615,899	308,791	294,613	187,207	1.57		
02	235	1	51	16	2,797	518,291	150,889	356,112	281,897	1.26		
03	189	1	275	45	2,389	782,218	329,452	431,110	300,690	1.43		
04	274	1	147	4	1,205	205,731	42,761	156,597	107,706	1.45		
05	244	3	3	5	4,548	185,551	18,532	150,194	105,540	1.42		
06	194	2	118	74	2,521	238,497	30,980	96,671	165,470	0.58		
07	343	138	99	19	2,571	199,695	48,913	84,130	51,250	1.64		
08	437	402	3	85	295	429,451	140,189	65,326	19,811	3.30		
09	521	235	14	12	1,876	127,552	53,733	9,839	6,645	1.48		
23	267	14	16	7	1,605	16,273	16,273	48,649	17,034	2.85		
48	81	6	1	11	1,445	320,933	25,596	5,927	4,650	3.50		
49	40	1	32	48	448	21,547	12,701	8,667	1,555	3.80		
64	155	30	290	397	27,682	3,693,193	1,164,118	2,022,122	1,461,941	2.08		
65	30	1	1	1	75	12,231	12,231	285,783	205,362	1.39		
80	290	32	48	48	448	21,547	12,701	8,667	3,004	2.59		
TOTALS	3,814	20	1,717	397	27,682	3,693,193	1,164,118	2,022,122	1,461,941	2.08		

1985 WATER DIVERSION SUMMARIES BY DISTRICT IN AF (CONTINUED)

WD	TRANSMOUNTAIN OUTFLOW	TRANSBASIN OUTFLOW	MUNICIPAL	INDUSTRIAL	RECREATIONAL	FISHERY	COMMERCIAL	RECHARGE	AUG
01				12,495				52,269	8,733
02		2,609				332	7,498	3,549	2,609
03		21,521	135						427
04		5,760					613		3,485
05		16,825							4,463
06		109,775		1,071					1,068
07		17,434		49,218					2,439
08		213,468		4,764		4,516	245		943
09		1,977							
23		17,410		2,951	3,691	417		4	1,558
48									
49									
64				2,757			906	5,891	9,976
65									
80		174					5		18
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>406,953</b>		<b>73,391</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>5,265</b>	<b>9,267</b>	<b>61,713</b>	<b>35,719</b>

**WATER COURT ACTIVITIES**

No. of Applications for Decree	535
No. of Consultation with Referee	468
No. of Decrees Issued by Water Court	355

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Type of Decrees		Ditch	Res.	Type of Structures			Total
				Sprg.	Well	Other	
New Appropriation	158	16	52	12	258	10	348
Change	153	42	78	7	902	39	1068
						0	
						7	
						8	
						80	
						18	
						21	
						19	
						15	
						5	
						2	
						6	
Other	44						
						34	
						2	
						2	
						0	
						6	
<b>TOTAL DECREES</b>	<b>355</b>						<b>TOTAL NO. OF STRUCTURES</b>
							<b>1,416</b>

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**ABANDONMENT LIST**

**594 Structures/Priorities**

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	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STRUCTURES/PRIORITIES</b>
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157	Protests Filed	185
10	Motions to Delete (DE)	10
35	Motions to Correct (DE)	35
15	Court Orders to Retain on Abandonment List	16
22	Protests Withdrawn	32
10	Motions to Delete (DE) Granted	10
32	Court Ordered Deletions	38
80	Court Ordered Deletions, Provided Change of Water Right Filed	93
6	Court Ordered Modifications	8
48	Change Applications Filed	76
2	Protests Pending	2
	<b>TOTAL STRUCTURES</b>	<b>594</b>
	<b>DELETED BY DIVISION ENGINEER</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>COURT ORDERED DELETIONS</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>DELETED PURSUANT TO CHANGE</b>	<b>76</b>

**ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

ACTIVITY	TOTAL WATER YEAR	TOTAL TO DATE
Number of professional and technical staff		5
Number of clerical staff		2
Number of Water Commissioner FTE assigned (full and part-time)		15 Full Time 12 Part Time
Number of decreed surface rights		9,680*
Number of surface rights administered		**
Number of wells		64,148
Number of plans for augmentation	19	282
Number of consultations with Referee	468	
Number of Water Court appearances	318	
Number of meetings with water users	570	
Number of meetings to resolve water related disputes	4	
Number of contacts to give public assistance on water matters	55,432	
Contact with other agencies	180	

\* Estimated from Tabulation

\*\*To be Determined

RIVER CALL

Calling Priority

Date Call Initiated 1985	Date Call Released 1985	Structure Name	Appropriation District Date	Person Placing Call	Districts Affected
12/16/84	12/18/84	Barr Lake	11/20/1885	Albert Sack	8, 9, 23, 80
12/18/84	03/19/85	No Demand			
03/19/85	04/03/85	Marston Reservoir	04/01/1911	Jim McClure	80, 23
04/03/85	06/25/85	No Demand			
06/25/85	07/05/85	Burlington	11/20/1885	FRICO	8, 80, 23, 9,
07/05/85	07/05/85	Ft. Morgan Canal	10/18/1882	Fritz Helzer	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 80, 9, 23
07/05/85	07/15/85	Independent	11/20/1876	Pete Walter	23, 80, 8, 7, 9
07/05/85	07/08/85	Pawnee	06/22/1882	Roger Vogt	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
07/08/85	07/16/85	Fort Morgan Canal	10/18/1882	Fritz Helzer	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 80, 9, 23
07/16/85	07/19/85	Bijou	10/01/1888	Ross Osborne	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 80, 9, 23
07/19/85	07/29/85	No Demand			
07/29/85	07/31/85	Bijou	10/01/1888	Ross Osborne	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 80, 9, 23
07/31/85	08/09/85	No Demand			
08/09/85	08/21/85	Fort Morgan Canal	10/18/1882	Fritz Helzer	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 23, 80
08/09/85	08/28/85	Duel & Snyder	04/07/1884	Ora Pickett	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 80, 23
08/16/85	08/26/85	Springdale	07/19/1886	Gilbert Schuman	1
08/28/85	09/06/85	Upper Platte & Beaver	04/15/1888	Dean Christenson	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 80, 23
09/06/85	09/07/85	Bijou	10/01/1888	Ross Osborne	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 8, 80, 23
09/07/85	09/08/85	No Demand			
09/09/85	09/20/85	Marston Reservoir	04/01/1911	Bill Bates	80, 23
09/20/85	10/31/85	No Demand			

## COMPACTS

### SOUTH PLATTE RIVER COMPACT

The Colorado-Nebraska Compact on the South Platte provides that Colorado shall have the full use of the river water between the fifteenth of October of any year and the first day of April of the succeeding year but that, between the first day of April and the fifteenth of October of each year, Colorado shall not permit diversion from the river below the Washington-Morgan County line to supply water rights having priority dates junior to June 14, 1897 to the extent that they would diminish the flow of the river at the Julesburg gaging station below a daily mean flow of 120 cfs.

Normally it is not necessary to curtail any surface diversion in Colorado to honor the compact because stream flows are inadequate to satisfy all the water rights senior to the compact date.

Preliminary flow data for the Julesburg station indicates that during the 198 day period from April 1 to October 15, 1985, the mean daily flow dropped below 120 cfs on 60 days.

### REPUBLICAN RIVER COMPACT

The Republican River Compact allocates water to the signatory states, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska on the basis of beneficial consumptive use. Colorado's total allocation of 54,100 acre feet is broken down as follows:

North Fork of the Republican River Drainage Basin	10,000 AF
Arikaree River Drainage Basin	15,400 AF
South Fork of the Republican River Drainage Basin	25,400 AF
Beaver Creek Drainage Basin	3,300 AF

and in addition, for beneficial consumptive use in Colorado annually, the entire water supply of the Frenchman Creek (River) Drainage Basin in Colorado and the Red Willow Creek Drainage Basin in Colorado.

The computed annual consumptive use in Colorado in the Republican River Basin for the 1984 water year, the last year for which official figures are available, was as follows:

<u>STREAM</u>	<u>DIVERSIONS</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>PERCENT OF ALLOCATION</u>
N. Fk. Republican River	9,570	6,940	69.4
S. Fk. Republican River	9,170	6,660	26.2
Arikaree River	5,410	4,060	26.4
Beaver Creek	0	0	0



COMPACTS (continued)

LARAMIE RIVER COMPACT

The 1957 decree of the United States Supreme Court limits the diversions from the Laramie River and its tributaries to 49,375 acre feet annually for the State of Colorado. Of that amount, 19,875 acre feet are allocated to transmountain users and the remaining 29,500 acre feet to the meadowland users within the river basin. The meadowland users are further restricted to diversions of not more than 1,800 acre feet after July 31 of each year. In the event that the transmountain users do not divert their full allotment, the meadowland users may divert the difference between the 19,875 acre feet and the actual amount if diverted within the same year.

Sand Creek, which arises in Colorado, later becoming tributary to the Laramie River in Wyoming, is not included within the terms of the compact. Instead, Colorado and Wyoming have a working agreement whereby senior water rights on Sand Creek in Wyoming are recognized before junior diversions are made in Colorado through the Wilson Supply Canal, a transbasin diversion.

In 1985, the transmountain diversions under the Laramie River Compact totaled 18,030 acre feet of the 19,875 acre feet compact allowance. The meadowland diversions totaled 16,273 acre feet or some 55% of the allotment. Total Colorado diversions were 34,303 acre feet or 69% of the total allotment of 49,375 acre feet.

