

WSW 1.1 / 1978  
C1

COLORADO STATE PUBLICATIONS LIBRARY



3 1799 00141 8946



**1978**  
**Annual Report**



" 1978  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
WESTERN STATES  
WATER COUNCIL "

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

THE COUNCIL .....	1
COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP .....	2
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES .....	3
POSITIONS - RESOLUTIONS	
Creating the Western States Water Council .....	8
Western Governors' Conference Resolution VII. Concerning Admission of Texas to the Western States Water Council .....	9
Response of the Federal Government to <b>California v. United States (1978)</b> .....	10
Granting Membership in the Western States Water Council to the State of Texas .....	11
The Administration's Water Policy Reforms .....	12
Attachment - Fundamental Principles for a National Water Policy .....	20
"Statement of Current Policy and Advance Notice of Promised Rulemaking" Published July 10, 1978 by the Environmental Protection Agency .....	28
Amendment of The Federal Reclamation Law .....	29
Issuance Permits Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of The Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 .....	29
Grants Under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act .....	30
BUDGET AND FINANCE .....	32

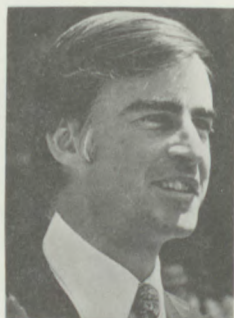


COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP .....	34
STAFF .....	36
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARTER .....	37
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHARTER.....	38
WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE CHARTER .....	39
LEGAL COMMITTEE CHARTER .....	40
RULES OF ORGANIZATION .....	42
PRINCIPLES - STANDARDS - GUIDELINES .....	44
ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS .....	47
Western States Water Council Members and Executive Staff .....	47

1978  
GOVERNOR MEMBERS



**ARIZONA**  
Governor  
Bruce E. Babbitt



**CALIFORNIA**  
Governor  
Edmund G.  
Brown, Jr.



**COLORADO**  
Governor  
Richard D. Lamm



**IDAHO**  
Governor  
John V. Evans



**MONTANA**  
Governor  
Thomas Judge



**NEVADA**  
Governor  
D.N. "Mike"  
O'Callaghan



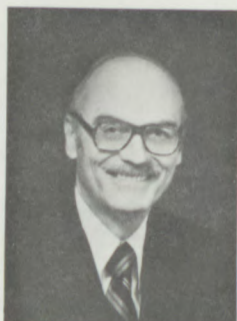
**NEW MEXICO**  
Governor  
Jerry Apodaca



**OREGON**  
Governor  
Robert Straub



**TEXAS**  
Governor  
Dolph Briscoe



**UTAH**  
Governor  
Scott Matheson



**WASHINGTON**  
Governor  
Dixy Lee Ray



**WYOMING**  
Governor  
Ed Herschler



## WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL

220 South 2nd East, Suite 200

Salt Lake City, Utah

(801) 521-2800

### 1978 ANNUAL REPORT

#### THE COUNCIL

The Western Governors' Conference authorized the establishment of the WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL on June 13, 1965. The stated purpose of the Council is to accomplish effective cooperation among the western states in planning for programs leading to integrated development by state, federal and other agencies of their water resources.

For thirteen years the Council was comprised of eleven western states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. At the June 1978 annual meeting of the Western Governors' Conference, the membership of the State of Texas into the WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL was approved by the member governors in response to a request from Governor Dolph Briscoe of Texas. A copy of the governors' resolution appears on page 9 of this report.

Much time and effort of the Council this past year was directed toward President Carter's water policy reform proposals. In 1977 President Carter initiated a study to identify needed water policy reform. The scores of suggested reforms which were identified in 1977 were narrowed in 1978. In June 1978, President Carter announced the water policy reforms that he had determined were to be accomplished by his Administration. To facilitate this effort, thirteen executive orders were initially announced and nineteen implementing task forces were created. Although general policy guidelines were given by the President, the details which will determine how implementation is accomplished are still being worked out by these task forces. Therefore, considerable time and effort was expended by the WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL and its member states during 1978 as these federal initiatives were analyzed and state responses formulated. At year end this effort was still ongoing as the states tried to communicate to the federal government their needs and to defend established states' rights and prerogatives.

Each governor member to the WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL has the opportunity of naming three representatives to serve on the Council. In addition, the governors may appoint alternates to serve in the absence of their state representatives. Within the Council structure these state members are assigned to one of three working committees: the Water Resources Committee, the Water Quality Committee or the Legal Committee. Members also serve on various subcommittee assignments made by the committee chairmen. A detailed report of Council and committee action follows.

Chris L. Wheeler, Oregon and Donald L. Paff, Nevada, completed a term as chairman and vice-chairman respectively in July, 1978. At the annual meeting held in July, Donald L. Paff was elected to serve as chairman and George Christopoulos was elected as vice-chairman. At the request of the new chairman, Daniel F. Lawrence, of Utah continued to serve in the capacity of secretary-treasurer.