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Drought one subject of 2nd Missouri Basin governors' conference

Drought conditions in the Missouri River Basin will be one subject at the 2nd Missouri River Basin Governors' Conference in Omaha May 3-4.

The governors will meet prior to the 20th regular quarterly meeting of the state-federal Missouri River Basin Commission at the Omaha Hilton.



Governor Exon

Gov. J. James Exon of Nebraska will serve as host of the governors' conference. Other governors invited are Richard Lamm of Colorado, Robert Ray of Iowa, Robert Bennett of Kansas, Rudy Perpich of Minnesota, Joseph Teasdale of Missouri, Thomas Judge of Montana, Arthur Link of North Dakota, Richard Kneip of South Dakota and Ed Herschler of Wyoming.

In addition to discussion of implications of the current drought, the conference will consider the role of state governments in determining water use policies in concert with the federal government.



Chairman Neuberger

MRBC Chairman John W. Neuberger will address the conference on water use implications with regard to potential energy development in the Missouri River Basin.

The governors also will develop a regional focus on key water use issues, policies and opportunities for input to the new administration in Washington.

Registration for the governors' conference will be \$25.

To register write the Missouri River Basin Commission, Suite 403, 10050 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114 or phone (402) 397-5714.

MRB
GOVERNORS'
CONFERENCE
MEETING AGENDA
OMAHA HILTON

Tuesday, May 3

1-6 p.m.

1:30-4 p.m.

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration (Mezzanine Level)
State Member Caucus (Bel-Air Room)
Federal Member Caucus (Capitol Room)
Conference Reception (Lewis/Clark Room)

Wednesday, May 4

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

8:30 a.m.-12 noon

Registration (Assembly Foyer)
Plenary Session (Grand Ballroom East)
PRESIDING: Governor J. James Exon, Nebraska
WELCOME: Robert Cunningham,
Mayor of Omaha

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

Governor J. James Exon, Nebraska
WATER USE IMPLICATIONS OF
PROJECTED ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MISSOURI
RIVER BASIN:

A SUMMARY REVIEW:

John W. Neuberger, Chairman
Missouri River Basin Commission

BASIN STATE GOVERNORS' VIEWS
ON CONFERENCE TOPICS:

J. James Exon of Nebraska, Presiding
Richard Lamm of Colorado
Robert Ray of Iowa
Robert Bennett of Kansas
Rudy Perpich of Minnesota
Joseph P. Teasdale of Missouri
Thomas Judge of Montana
Arthur Link of North Dakota
Richard F. Kneip of South Dakota
Ed Herschler of Wyoming

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- I. Interstate Implications of
Regionwide Drought
Short Term
Long Term



Governor Bennett



Governor Herschler



Governor Judge



Governor Kneip

- II. Water for Energy
 - Development of Coal Reserves in the Missouri River Basin
 - Water Marketing from Missouri River Main Stem Reservoirs — Future Agreements
 - Transfer of Coal via Slurry Pipelines
- III. Regional Focus on Key Water Issues for Input to the 1977 National Conference on Water
 - Role of State Governments in Determining Water Use Policies in the Missouri River Basin

DISCUSSION AND GOVERNORS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION — CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

SELECTION OF NEXT CONFERENCE DATE

12:30-2 p.m.

MRB GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE AND MISSOURI RIVER BASIN COMMISSION JOINT LUNCHEON (Grand Ballroom)
 Presiding: John W. Neuberger, Chairman, Missouri River Basin Commission
 Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced)
 Observations: Governor J. James Exon, Nebraska.

MRBC OFFICIAL MEETING AGENDA

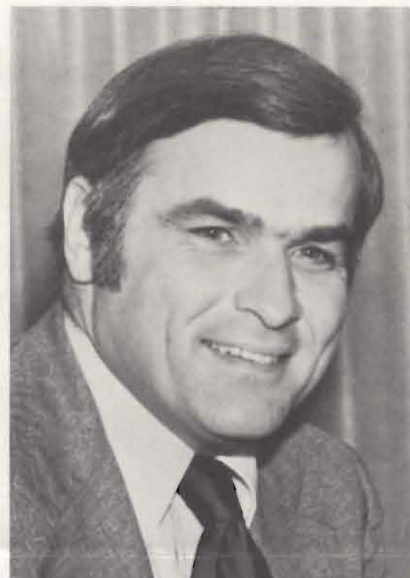
2:30-5 p.m.

20TH REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (Grand Ballroom East)
 Presiding: John W. Neuberger, Chairman
 Agenda Available — Registration Desk

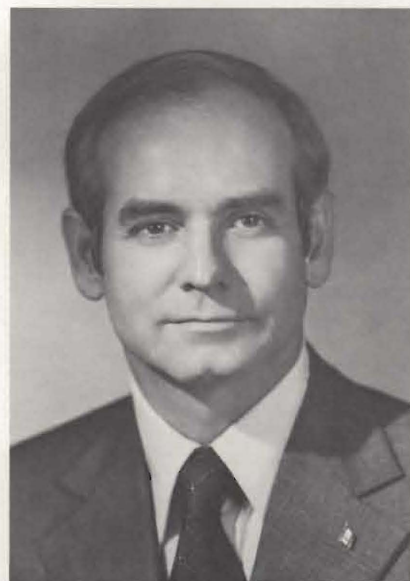
Thursday, May 5

8:30-11:45 a.m.

CONTINUATION OF MRBC 20TH MEETING (Grand Ballroom East)
 ADJOURNMENT



Governor Teasdale



Governor Ray



Governor Lamm



Governor Link



Governor Perpich

MRBC chairman and vice-chairman testify before Senate subcommittee

MRBC Chairman John W. Neuberger and MRBC Vice-Chairman Archie D. Chelseth of Minnesota testified April 7 before the Subcommittee on Water Resources of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The Denver hearing focused on the drought in the western states and possible courses of federal action, including emergency short-term solutions and long-term remedies.

Neuberger told Sen. Mike Gravel, the subcommittee chairman, that water storage facilities and their operations must be considered among the solutions to drought problems in the Missouri River Basin.

"Conservation of our water resources in this part of the nation has always been viewed as finding ways to save water in wet years in order to carry an adequate supply through in times of drought," Neuberger said.

Neuberger cited the Missouri main stem as an example. "More than three times the average annual flow of the Missouri River at Sioux City is stored in the six main stem reservoirs from the wet years' runoff," he said.

Neuberger said many of the basin's water resources problems must be addressed through the joint state-federal partnership. He said the Missouri River Basin Commission mechanism is committed to addressing problems in that manner.

Chelseth testified on the role of state governments in determining water use policies and programs in concert with the federal government.

Chelseth reaffirmed state support for the fostering of joint state-federal cooperation through river basin commissions.

Copies of the prepared testimony are available from MRBC, Suite 403, 10050 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114.

Andrus named WRC Chairman

Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus has been assigned the additional duty of chairman of the U.S. Water Resources Council. President Jimmy Carter announced the appointment March 3.



MRBC completes draft comprehensive water plan

The Missouri River Basin Commission has completed and sent out for 90-day review a draft comprehensive plan for water resources development and management in the Missouri River Basin.

The draft report, entitled "The Missouri River Basin Water Resources Plan," will be reviewed by commission members and governors of the 10 Missouri Basin states and by the heads of 10 federal agencies which are commission members.

MRBC Chairman John W. Neuberger, Omaha, said the draft plan is the most complete and definitive statement of ongoing and proposed water planning programs, projects and studies for the Missouri River Basin since the 1971 Missouri Basin Framework Study.

"The draft plan presents a set of planning objectives — directions for the future — and a series of conclusions and recommendations for implementing nearly 500 proposed programs and projects during the next 10 years," Neuberger said.

"The plan contains proposals affecting every Missouri Basin state and numerous federal agencies," he said.

Neuberger said state repositories have been established to permit the public to review the draft plan. They are located in the offices of the following MRBC member or alternate:

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MRBC publishes priorities report, coordination directory

The Missouri River Basin Commission recently completed two new publications.

They are the "Fourth Annual Report of Basin and State Priorities for Proposed Water and Related Land Activities" and the "1977 Coordination Directory of State and Federal Agency Water and Related Land Resources Officials."

The schedule of priorities was adopted by MRBC at its February meeting in Denver. In addition to adopting the report, the commission also directed the MRBC chairman and vice-chairman to seek congressional and executive branch implementation and to track the progress of the priorities.

The priorities report and the directory will be provided to the public at no charge for as long as they last.

Hamon named acting director of planning, Shore to head Yellowstone study

Carroll M. Hamon has been named acting director of planning for the Missouri River Basin Commission following the resignation in March of Nicholas L. Barbarossa.

Hamon was director of the commission's Platte River Basin, Nebraska, Level B Study in Lincoln before joining the headquarters staff in Omaha as principal river basin planner.

MRBC Chairman John W. Neuberger said that by the middle of May he intends to make a recommendation to the commission vice-chairman regarding a permanent director.

Questions on qualifications and applications for the position should be addressed to Chairman Neuberger's attention.



Hamon



Shore

Paul Shore, Cody, Wyoming, has been named manager of the MRBC-sponsored Yellowstone Basin and Adjacent Coal Area Level B Study.

Shore was named to replace Robert Madsen, Billings, Montana, who had been on leave from the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation.

Madsen returned to the bureau when his MRBC contract expired in February. He has since been promoted to chief, Division of Planning, for the bureau's Upper Missouri Region.

Shore previously was assistant study manager for the Wyoming portion of the Level B Study. Portions of North Dakota and Montana also are included in the study area.

Missouri, Federal Power Commission name MRBC members

Gov. Joseph Teasdale of Missouri has designated Mrs. Carolyn Ashford, director of Missouri's Department of Natural Resources, as his official commissioner on the Missouri River Basin Commission.

In his letter of appointment, Governor Teasdale said the commission's "coordination of regional planning is an important activity which Missouri continues to support."

The Federal Power Commission has appointed Bernard D. Murphy as its MRBC representative. Murphy is regional engineer in the Chicago Regional Office of the FPC's Bureau of Power.



Mrs. Ashford



Murphy

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WRC Plans National Water Conference

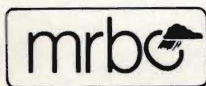
The U.S. Water Resources Council (WRC) will sponsor a national conference on water May 23-25 at the Chase Park-Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

Objectives of the conference are:

- To identify and assess major management problems and constraints in current water resources programs;
- To evaluate various alternative management approaches and their implications;
- To offer administrative and legislative recommendations to strengthen water management programs.

WRC is encouraging participation by "any organizations and individuals who recognize that the time has come to do a better job of planning and implementing water programs."

Registration forms and additional information is available from U.S. Water Resources Council, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.



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