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Governors to discuss national water policy

The Carter Administration's developing water policy will receive the attention of 10 governors of Missouri River Basin states May 23-24 in Great Falls, Mont.

The governors will be holding their third annual Missouri River Basin Governors' Conference at the Heritage Inn in conjunction with the 24th regular quarterly meeting of the state-federal Missouri River Basin Commission.

States which are members of the commission and which will be represented at the conference are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Host Gov. Thomas L. Judge of Montana will serve as conference chairman.

The conference will begin with registration from 1 to 6 p.m. and a reception at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. A general session is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, followed by a joint conference and Missouri River Basin Commission luncheon at noon.

One objective of this year's conference is to provide an opportunity for the governors to exchange views with representatives of the Carter Administration on recent federal initiatives to develop a national water resources policy, update Indian water rights policy and reorganize the federal natural resources establishment.

Governor Judge said he was "delighted the Missouri River Basin Governors were meeting in Montana. I am confident that the issue of water policy, so critical to the states involved, will be given thorough and meaningful attention at this meeting," he said.

Two administration representatives will meet with the governors in the general session May 24. A third representative will speak at the luncheon.

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Judge to serve as chairman

Montana Gov. Thomas L. Judge addresses the 1977 Missouri River Basin Governors' Conference in Omaha. As host governor, Judge will serve as chairman of the 1978 conference.

Governors' Conference Program

Great Falls, Montana



Governor Perpich

Tuesday, May 23, 1978

- 1-6 p.m. Registration (*Lobby*)
1:30-4 p.m. State Member Caucus (*Venice Room*)
Federal Member Caucus (*Paris Room*)
5:30-7:30 p.m. Conference Reception (*Pool Area*)

Wednesday, May 24, 1978

- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration (*Lobby*)
8:30 a.m.-12 noon Plenary Session (*International Room*)

PRESIDING: Governor Thomas Judge, *Montana*

WELCOME: John Bulen, *Mayor of Great Falls*

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

Thomas Judge, *Host Governor*

Governors Participating

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



Governor Herschler



Governor Teasdale



Governor Judge



Governor Bennett

CONFERENCE TOPICS AND PRESENTERS

I. Guy R. Martin, Assistant Secretary for Land and Water Resources, U.S. Department of the Interior, and Alternate to the Chairman, U.S. Water Resources Council: President Carter's National Water Resources Policy Recommendations

Response: Missouri River Basin Governors

II. Forrest Gerard, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior: Indian Water Policy Review

Response: Missouri River Basin Governors

DISCUSSION AND GOVERNORS' POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS — CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

SELECTION OF NEXT CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION

12:30-2 p.m.

MRB GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE AND MISSOURI RIVER BASIN COMMISSION JOINT LUNCHEON

(Pool Area)

Presiding: John E. Acord, Acting Chairman, Missouri River Basin Commission

Guest Speaker: William W. Harsch, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget: Reorganization of Federal Responsibilities for National Resource and Environmental Management (President's Reorganization project)

Observations: Governor Thomas Judge, Montana

MRBC OFFICIAL MEETING AGENDA

2:30-5 p.m.

24th Regular Meeting Agenda *(International Room)*

Presiding: John E. Acord, Acting Chairman

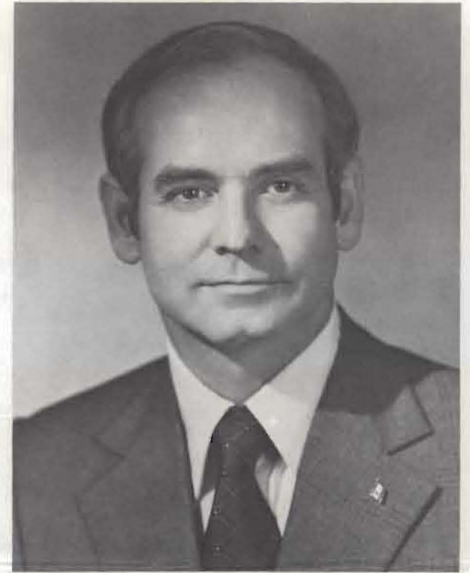
Agenda available at registration desk

Thursday, May 25, 1978

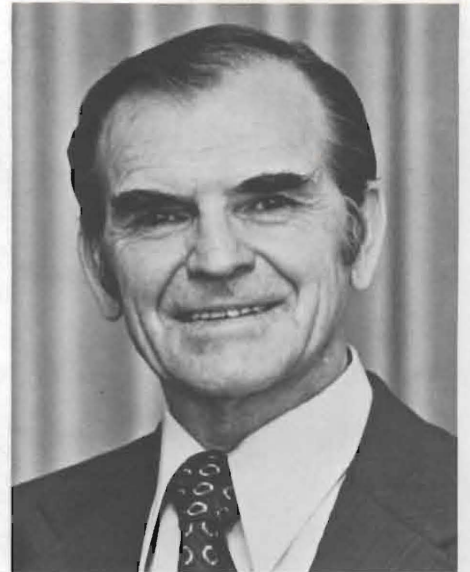
8:30-11:45 a.m.

Continuation of MRBC 24th Meeting *(International Room)*

Adjournment



Governor Ray



Governor Link



Governor Kneip



Governor Lamm



Governor Exon

Governors to discuss national water policy (continued)

Guy R. Martin, assistant secretary for land and water resources in the U.S. Department of the Interior, will discuss President Carter's national water resources policy recommendations. Martin also serves as alternate to the chairman of the U.S. Water Resources Council.

Forrest Gerard, assistant secretary for Indian affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, will discuss the administration's review of Indian water policy.

William W. Harsch, deputy associate director of the Office of Management and Budget, will speak at the luncheon on the President's reorganization of federal responsibilities for resource and environmental management.

The regular meeting of the Missouri River Basin Commission will begin at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. It will conclude by noon Thursday, May 25.

Federal and interstate compact members of the commission in addition to the 10 states listed above are the Department of Agriculture; Department of the Army; Department of Commerce; Department of Energy; Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Department of Housing and Urban Development; Department of the Interior; Department of Transportation; the Yellowstone River Compact Commission; and the Big Blue River Compact Administration.

The presidentially appointed chairman of the commission also is a voting member. The MRBC chairmanship has been vacant since the resignation of John W. Neuberger Oct. 26.

Vice-Chairman John E. Acord of Montana will preside at the 24th commission meeting in the absence of a chairman.

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

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Martin



Gerard



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