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December 28, 1966

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Dear Mr. Maynes:

Enclosed is the enclosure which was inadvertently omitted from your copy of the letter dated December 23rd directed to Mr. Felix L. Sparks.

Thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Delphine M. Atkins  
Secretary to Mr. Reynolds

Encl.

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December 27, 1966

Mr. S. E. Reynolds, Secretary  
Interstate Stream Commission  
State Capitol  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501


Dear Steve:

I have a copy of your letter dated December 23rd directed to Mr. Felix L. Sparks, Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

In the Christmas rush, the enclosures containing the revised language were omitted from my copy of the letter. I would appreciate receiving the revisions at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank E. Maynes

FEM:db



December 23, 1966

Mr. Felix L. Sparks  
Director  
Colorado Water Conservation Board  
215 State Services Building  
1525 Sherman Street  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Felix:

Since your letter of November 1, 1966, we have given further study to the draft of the proposed Animas-La Plata Compact which you forwarded under cover of that letter. We can appreciate your concern with the language of the Colorado 10-27-66 draft of paragraph B, Article I and we have no real objection to the purpose of your November 1 correction of that draft. I think we have all agreed, however, that the language could be improved.

Accordingly, we have prepared a further revision of the language which we enclose for your consideration. The only changes are in paragraph B of Article I. It seems to us that the essence of the Compact is contained in Article I A. In Article I B we only seek to protect ourselves against an interpretation of Article IX of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact which would defeat the purposes expressed in Article I A. We think that the language proposed in the attached draft better accomplishes this purpose without risk to any Colorado interests.

Mr. Felix L. Sparks  
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We will appreciate your consideration and comments on the enclosed draft.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds  
Secretary

SER/dma  
Encl.

cc: Frank E. Maynes (w/encl)  
Claud Mann "



Proposed Amendment to H.R. 4671  
Re: Animas-La Plata Project

N.M. 12/23/66

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B. The restrictions of the last sentence of Section (a) of Article IX of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact shall not be construed to vitiate paragraph A of this article.



ARTICLE II

This Compact shall become binding and obligatory when it shall have been ratified by the legislatures of the signatory States.

(c) The consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Colorado and New Mexico to enter into the Animas-La Plata Project Compact as set forth in subparagraph (b) above and said Compact is hereby approved by the Congress of the United States and shall become binding and obligatory upon the States of Colorado and New Mexico when said states have ratified the Compact.



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Mr. S. E. Reynolds  
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Dear Steve:

Our legal staff has reviewed the draft of the proposed Animas-La Plata Project Compact which I sent to you under date of October 27, 1966, and the members of that staff have raised some objection to the proposed wording of the Compact. Specifically, they point out that Paragraph B of Article I standing alone creates an impression that the uses of water in New Mexico under the Animas-La Plata Project would be on an equal parity with rights in Colorado which are already senior to the Animas-La Plata Project right. They point out that it is not clear under the proposed language that the only matter involved is a parity in New Mexico with those rights granted in Colorado specifically for the Animas-La Plata Project.

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In accordance with the objections raised, I have again revised the wording in an attempt to make it more clear that the restrictions of Article IX of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact are not to be applied against New Mexico so as to create a preferential right in Colorado for the use of that water decreed to the Animas-La Plata Project. It would follow that any rights in Colorado junior to the Animas-La Plata Project right also could not invoke any restrictions contained in Article IX.

Enclosed herewith are several copies of the corrected draft.

Very truly yours,

*Felix L. Sparks*  
FELIX L. SPARKS  
Director

FLS:SF

cc: Mr. Frank E. Maynes

Enclosures

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Proposed Amendment to H.R. 4671  
Re: Animas-La Plata Project  
~~Correction to draft of 10-27-66.~~  
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B. ~~To the extent necessary to give effect to paragraph A of this article,~~ The restrictions of the last sentence of Section (a) of Article IX of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact shall not be construed to ~~interfere with or to affect rights to the use of water under the Animas-La Plata Federal Reclamation Project in New Mexico.~~

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Mr. S. E. Reynolds  
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Dear Steve:

We have reviewed your proposed amendment to Section 503 of H.R. 4671 which would authorize Colorado and New Mexico to enter into the Animas-La Plata Project Compact. We have made some revision in the language which you sent us and a revised copy is enclosed herewith. You will note that most of the revisions are minor and of a technical nature, although there is one addition which is more of a substantive matter. That addition I have underlined on the enclosed copy.

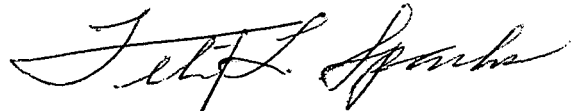
I don't believe that we can agree the uses New Mexico under the Animas-La Plata Project are of equal priority with those of Colorado unless such uses are within New Mexico's allocation of water. It can be said that such a situation is understood and established from the wording of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact. However, I see no reason why any ambiguity should be created under the proposed Animas-La Plata Compact, and for that reason we have inserted the underlined language. Please advise, therefore, as to your wishes in the matter. Our next state board meeting will be held on December 7th. If some agreement can be arrived at between our two states before that time, I will submit

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the matter to our board for its consideration at that time.

Turning to another matter, we have been giving considerable consideration to possible amendments to H.R. 4671 for introduction during the forthcoming session of Congress. We strongly feel that only a minimum of amendments should be made to the legislation as approved by the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Obviously, however, it appears desirable and necessary to make some changes. I am enclosing herewith an extract of certain portions of the bill as reported out by the Committee on which I have made some penciled changes. These changes do not reflect any official policy of the state of Colorado at this time and they are being suggested only for exploratory purposes. I am hoping that the seven states can get together in Albuquerque at the N.R.A. meeting next month. I have already requested Arizona, Nevada and California to consider such a meeting, and it is my understanding that Ival Goslin will contact the other states of the Upper Basin.

Very truly yours,



FELIX L. SPARKS  
Director

FLS:sr

Enclosures

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Attorney at Law  
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Proposed Amendment to H.R. 4671  
Re: Animas-La Plata Project  
10-27-66

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*Animas LaPlata*

# San Juan County Farm and Livestock Bureau



AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

TO: Members of Sub-committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, House of Representatives.

Testimony presented in support of the Animas-LaPlata Project by San Juan (New Mexico) Farm & Livestock Bureau comprised of 276 farm families:

The northwestern part of New Mexico land which will be included in the Animas-LaPlata Project is fertile and suitable for agriculture. Land that has been under cultivation in this area has a great future potential if there were sufficient water, but due to a short supply of water only low-income crops can be produced.

With a full seasonal supply of water more intense crops can be grown. Western Vegetables, Inc. conducted a pilot truck-gardening project in other parts of San Juan County last year which proved to be very successful. They have contracted vegetables from 700 acres in 1966. By 1968 they plan to triple this acreage and are testing new crops to process.

Skyland, Inc. also purchases fruit for processing and is looking toward further developments.

This area is particularly attractive to enterprizes which use commodities requiring large amounts of unskilled labor. We have bordering this area the Navajo, Ute and Apache Indians many of whom are presently unemployed. They are adaptable to this work as has been proven by those who worked in California, Colorado, Arizona and Utah.

Livestock and dairy industries are traditional and proven in this area. A great interest is shown in the increase of these supplies to provide for the growing cities in the southwest.

It would be a great step forward to see the Animas-LaPlata Project developed. This would help accomplish in a measure what the present administration is attempting to do through the Office of Economic Opportunity. It would go one step further in providing permanent employment and produce real goods and services.

It is our desire that the Animas-LaPlata Project be approved by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and sponsored and passed by the Congress of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*William A. Utton*  
William A. Utton, President

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October 14, 1966

Mr. Felix Sparks  
Director Colorado Water  
Conservation Board  
215 State Services Bldg.  
1525 Sherman St.  
Denver 3, Colorado

Dear Felix:

By letter dated August 10, 1966, Mr. Frank E. Maynes advised me that the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Water Conservation District and the Board of Directors of the La Plata Water Conservancy District of Colorado had approved the draft of Animas-La Plata Project Compact identified as NM 6/24/66. If you find that draft acceptable, I will appreciate your so advising me. After receiving your approval in writing, I will present the draft for consideration by the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds  
State Engineer

SER/dma

cc: J. Harlan Flint



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~~General Inquiry~~  
Animas La Plata

October 5, 1966

Mr. I. J. Coury  
Chairman  
Interstate Stream Commission  
P O Box 448  
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear I. J.:

When you have had a chance to read Dave Crandall's October 3 letter concerning the Cedar Hill site, please give me a call. I will withhold any acknowledgment or reply until we have had a chance to talk about it.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds  
State Engineer

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
SANTA FE, N. M.

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OCT 3 1966

Mr. Steve Reynolds  
State Engineer  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

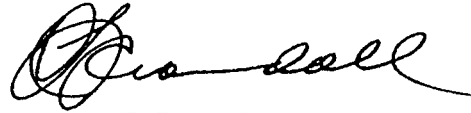
At a meeting in my office at Salt Lake City on June 21, 1966, Mr. Coury of Farmington discussed the potential Cedar Hill Dam and Reservoir site on the Animas River near the Colorado-New Mexico state line. Mr. Coury indicated that this site would be of particular interest to the State of New Mexico, and particularly to the Aztec and Farmington people.

The Cedar Hill damsite is located on the Animas River about 4 miles south of the Colorado-New Mexico state line. The reservoir basin is traversed by U.S. Highway 550 and Denver and Rio Grande Western Narrow Gage Railroad. Telegraph, telephone, and power lines also traverse the reservoir basin. Several irrigated farms and homesites would be inundated by a reservoir at this site. There are many gas wells and pipelines in the general area, and some of these may be located in the reservoir basin. A topographic survey of the reservoir site was made by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1940, but no detailed topographic survey of the damsite has been made. Only superficial geologic information is available. A reservoir with a capacity of 85,000 to 90,000 acre-feet is roughly estimated to cost about \$15-20 million, although this estimate might be somewhat higher when detailed data and estimates are obtained.

We have made only rough studies of the Cedar Hill site, and our data indicate that water for Aztec and Farmington can be most economically supplied from the proposed Animas-La Plata project works as outlined in our recent report. It appears that the Cedar Hill reservoir site, or some other alternative site, may be attractive if a water supply of 50,000 acre-feet or more instead of 13,500 acre-feet were to be supplied. Such a larger water supply probably would result in water consumption in excess of the water allotments that now appear available to New Mexico under provisions of the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact. Later when augmentation of upper basin water supplies is more clearly defined, then it appears that Cedar Hill should be considered to its optimum capacity. Doing so

probably would provide 50,000 acre-feet or more of M&I water. A later investigation could be made separate from the Animas-La Plata project at an appropriate time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. S. Hall", written in black ink.

Regional Director

cc:  
Commissioner  
Project Manager, Durango, Colorado  
I. J. Coury, Farmington, N. Mex.  
Chief Engineer  
Mr. Riter, Chief Engineer's office, 203



SJ  
Animas-La Plata

August 19, 1966

Mr. Frank E. Maynes  
Bradford, McDaniel & Maynes  
Attorneys at Law  
1040 Main Avenue  
Durango, Colorado 81302

Dear Mr. Maynes:

Mr. Reynolds has asked me to acknowledge your letter of August 10, 1966 advising us that the draft of the Animas-La Plata Project Compact identified as NM 6/24/66 is approved by the Southwestern Conservation District and the La Plata Water Conservancy District.

It does not appear that any action is required at the present time since HR 4671 will probably not be amended to incorporate this Compact language during the further consideration of the bill in the House. If Mr. Sparks advises that such modification is feasible prior to passage of the bill by the House, we will be pleased to assist in any appropriate way in securing the necessary amendment.

Thank you very much for the courtesy of your letter.

Best personal regards.

Yours truly,

F. Harlan Flint  
General Counsel

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cc: ISC-Phil Mutz ✓

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August 10, 1966

Mr. S. E. Reynolds, Secretary  
Interstate Stream Commission  
State Capitol  
Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am pleased to inform you that your draft of the Animas-La Plata Project Compact identified as NM 6/24/66, copy of which I have attached to this letter, has been accepted and approved by the Southwestern Water Conservation District's Board of Directors and by the Board of Directors of the La Plata Water Conservancy District of Colorado.

We understand, of course, the approval of the New Mexico Legislature and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission is required as is the approval of the Colorado Water Conservation Board and our own State Legislature.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying Felix L. Sparks of the action taken by the Southwestern Board and the La Plata Water Conservancy Board with the request that he indicate what further action should be taken at this time in the event he is in agreement with the proposed draft.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank E. Maynes

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Felix L. Sparks  
Mr. Robert H. Tynner  
Mr. Clifford Jex  
Hon. William S. Eakes  
Mr. David Crandall  
Mr. Frederick V. Kroeger  
Mr. Victor Paulek

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N.M. 6/24/66

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Animas-La Plata  
~~Carl~~  
JMM

June 24, 1966

Mr. Frank E. Haynes  
Attorney at Law  
1040 Main Avenue  
Durango, Colorado 81302

Dear Mr. Haynes:

We have now had opportunity to carefully consider the draft of Animas-La Plata Project Compact furnished by your letter of April 26, 1966. With what appear to be very minor changes, I am prepared to agree to your draft. The changes that I have in mind are indicated on the attached draft identified RM 6/24/66.

I cannot, of course, assure you that the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission or the New Mexico Legislature will approve the proposed language. However, I am sufficiently optimistic about ultimate approval that by copy of this letter I encourage Felix to ask Congressman Aspinall to include the language of the enclosed draft as a committee amendment to H R 4671.

If you or Felix are unable to agree to the language proposed here I hope that you will let me know as soon as possible in order that we can continue our efforts to develop final language for the authorizing legislation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds  
Secretary

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April 26, 1966

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Mr. S. E. Reynolds  
State Engineer  
State Capitol  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We have considered your letter of April 18, 1966 and as a result have again revised our proposal for the Animas-La Plata Project Compact.

The latest revision which we would like to suggest to you is enclosed for your evaluation.

We would appreciate your comments at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

*Frank E. Maynes*  
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Felix L. Sparks  
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The right to store and divert water in Colorado and New Mexico from the La Plata and Animas River systems, including return flow to the La Plata River from Animas River diversions, for use in New Mexico under the Animas-La Plata Project shall be valid and of equal priority with the right to store and divert such waters for use in Colorado under that Project.

The restrictions of The last sentence of Section (a) of Article IX of the Upper Colorado River Compact of 1948 shall not be invoked construed to interfere with or to affect water uses under the Animas-La Plata Project in New Mexico.

ARTICLE II

This Compact shall become binding and obligatory when it shall have been ratified by the legislatures of each of the signatory States. and approved by the Congress of the United States of America.

(c) The consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Colorado and New Mexico to enter into the Animas-La Plata Project



Compact as set forth in sub-paragraph (b) above and said Compact is hereby approved by the Congress of the United States and shall become binding and obligatory upon the States of Colorado and New Mexico when the states have ratified the Compact.

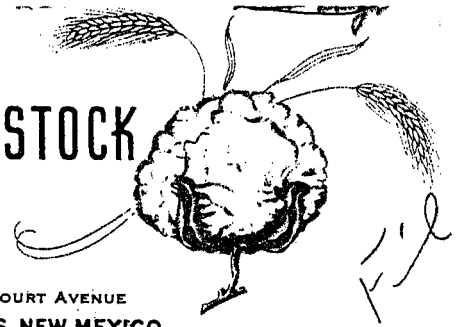


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May 5, 1966

Mr. S. E. Reynolds  
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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Enclosed is a copy of the statement presented by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau in support of the Animas - La Plata Project in Northwestern New Mexico.

Sincerely

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Enclosure

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To: Members of Sub-Committee on Irrigation and  
Reclamation, House of Representatives

Testimony presented in support of the Animas -  
La Plata Project by the New Mexico Farm and  
Livestock Bureau representing 9,238 farm and  
ranch families

The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau has a reso-  
lution which has been approved by their voting delegates at annual  
meetings for the past four years, supporting authorization and com-  
pletion of the Animas - La Plata Project.

We have long recognized that there is an abundance of un-  
developed water, land and natural resources in the Northwestern  
part of New Mexico.

The farmers in this area should be commended for their  
efforts to utilize the available land and water. First irrigation  
was developed by individuals diverting small amounts of water  
on easily accessible land. Later, this was expanded and improved  
by several farmers working together to form a community ditch.  
In recent years irrigation districts have been formed to assure  
more efficient use of available water.

It is our belief that the Animas - La Plata Project, recom-  
mended by the Bureau of Reclamation, is necessary to further  
development of this area to its full potential.

The project is made more attractive by the development of  
huge coal deposits in the area and making available municipal and  
industrial water for the growing cities.

Respectfully submitted

*A. W. Langenegger*  
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