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**Summary of
2014 Washington, D. C. Briefing Meetings
April 13 through April 17, 2015**

**Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program
and
San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program**

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The annual Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program Washington, D.C. briefing trip was conducted from April 13 through April 17, 2015. The objectives were 1) to seek congressional support for appropriations for the programs included in the President's 2016 budget, 2) brief the Upper Basin states' congressional delegations, appropriations committees, and authorizing committees on the importance of the programs to states, municipal/industrial/agricultural water users, tribes, Colorado River Storage Project power customers, energy producers, environmental organizations, and federal agencies, and 3) conduct briefings to assure continued administration support for the programs and inclusion of funding in the future administration budgets.

Meetings were conducted with the staffs of the congressional delegations for the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming; congressional authorizing and appropriations subcommittee staffs having jurisdiction over the Bureau of Reclamation [Reclamation] and Fish and Wildlife Service [Service] and their budgets; Department of Interior, National Park Service, Reclamation and Service directorates, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB). A meeting roster is attached (Attachment 1).

Attendance: A small group representing the non-federal participants in the two recovery programs participated in the trip. The group included:

Darin Bird – Utah Department of Natural Resources,

Pete Cavalli – Wyoming Game & Fish Department; Biology Committee, Upper Colorado River Program,

Aaron Chavez - Acting Executive Director, San Juan Water Commission,

Catherine Condon – Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Coordination Committee, San Juan Recovery Program,

Mike Greene – Public Service Company of New Mexico,

Leslie James – Colorado River Energy Distributors Association,

Henry Maddux – Utah Department of Natural Resources; Chairman, Management Committee, Upper Colorado River Recovery Program,

Patrick McCarthy – The Nature Conservancy; environmental organizations' representative to Upper Colorado and San Juan recovery programs,

Bill Miller – Chairman, Biology Committee, San Juan Recovery Program; Southern Ute Indian Tribe representative, San Juan Recovery Program Biology Committee,

Tom Pitts – Water Users representative, Upper Colorado and San Juan recovery programs

Stanley Pollock, Navajo Nation Department of Justice; Coordination Committee, San Juan Recovery Program,

Steve Wolff – Wyoming State Engineer's Office; Management Committee, Upper Colorado River Program.

Supporting Information/Handouts: Both paper and digital copies of the recovery programs' briefing booklet *2014-2015 Program Highlights* were distributed to those with whom we met. (The briefing booklet can be downloaded at the UCREFRP's webpage <http://www.coloradoriverrecovery.org/general-information/general-publications/program-highlights.html>) The booklet provides focused factual information needed to conduct short briefings with a broad spectrum of people, some of whom were familiar with the recovery programs and others who were not.

The *2014-2015 Program Highlights* included a new center section describing the threat of nonnative fish and efforts of the two recovery programs to eliminate this threat. The digital copy includes a video on the same topic.

Mike Greene, Public Service Company of New Mexico prepared a briefing sheet summarizing key aspects of the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program (Attachment 2). Mike provided this at meetings with the New Mexico congressional delegation staff members, appropriations/authorizing subcommittee staffers, and to DOI/OMB staffers. It is very effective in pointing out the economic benefits of the San Juan Recovery Program to PNM's San Juan Generating Station and to New Mexico communities in both the San Juan and Rio Grande basins.

Funding request brochure: Service and Reclamation funding in the President's budget for the 2016 fiscal year is described in the funding request brochure (Attachment 3). The brochure was provided to all congressional staffers. The funding brochure also lists non-federal organizations (water users, energy/power interests, environmental organizations, states, tribes) that had submitted funding support letters to the appropriations subcommittees in previous years.

Meetings with Members of Congress and Staffs and Congressional Committees/Subcommittees: Staffs of congressional authorizing committees and appropriations committees were briefed on the status of the programs and informed that efforts to seek authorization to extend the use of hydropower funding beyond 2019 would likely be initiated in 2016. Each appointment provided the opportunity to briefly describe the genesis,

objectives, status and benefits of the two programs. The group requested each congressional delegation office to communicate their member's support for fiscal year 2016 funding requests for the recovery programs in the Reclamation and Service proposed budgets to the appropriations subcommittees.

Common responses from members, staff, and committee staff included:

- Most offices said that they would communicate their support for appropriations to the appropriations subcommittees in some form.
- Members appreciate the fact that participants are supporting funding levels included in the President's budget, and not asking for appropriations over and above the President's budget.
- Members view the recovery programs favorably, given the significant grassroots support by states, tribes, water users, power customers, and environmental organizations.
- In light of ESA controversies being brought to Congress, it is refreshing to have a diverse group supporting a common ESA solution.
- It is important that the non-federal participants show up each year. Congress and the congressional offices are besieged with letters and emails requesting support for appropriations. It would be easy for the recovery programs to get lost in the shuffle. In addition, significant staff changes regularly occur in congressional offices and at committees and subcommittees.
- Congress understands that the goal of these programs is recovery of the species. There were consistent questions regarding the status of the species and progress towards recovery. (Bill Miller and Pete Cavalli did an excellent job responding to questions regarding the status of the species and recovery actions, such as non-native fish control.)
- Concerns were expressed about the duration and cost of the programs, whether progress towards recovery is being made, and when the programs would end. The partners made an effort during many of the briefings to talk about activities that will need to continue post-delisting. It is important that those we meet with and depend on for future funding fully understand that delisting doesn't mean the need for funding disappears.
- The congressional offices and the House Water and Power Subcommittee staff were informed/reminded of the need to initiate reauthorization of annual hydropower funding to assure funding beyond 2019 to 2023, the target date for recovery of the species. During the briefings in 2014, several congressional staffers suggested initiating the effort in 2016, given the time and effort now required to get bills through Congress. House Water and Power Subcommittee staff said the reauthorization would be used to scrutinize the programs re: progress towards recovery and towards achieving the recovery goals by 2023.

Meetings with Office of Management and Budget and Department of the Interior

Office of Management and Budget: The group met with Alex Hettinger, who works on Bureau of Reclamation funding issues. His FWS counterpart was invited but had to cancel at the last minute. In future years, it's important that we meet with both. The group discussed current

authorizing legislation and funding requests for FY16. Overall, it was a very good meeting. OMB staff seemed supportive of efforts of the two programs.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Directorate and National Park Service: The group met with Gary Frazer, FWS Assistant Director for endangered species issues. Fish and Wildlife Service staff, and Alan Ellsworth, National Park Service. We discussed the briefings conducted with the four states' congressional delegation and committee staffs and that we were supporting and requesting support by the delegations of FWS appropriations for the two programs. The discussion then led to the status of fish recovery and the concern expressed in meetings with congressional staff about progress towards recovery. The Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service are very supportive of the partnerships and the programs' efforts to recover the listed fish species.

Assistant Secretary for Water and Science and Reclamation Directorate: The group met with ~~Anne Castle~~, Jennifer Gimbel, Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Estevan Lopez, Bob Wolf, Matt Maucieri, Karen Radzykewycz, and other staff. The group commended Reclamation's participation in the programs, especially management of the capital projects programs by the Grand Junction office. Recognition of Reclamation's efforts was appreciated by DOI and Reclamation. This briefing was very positive.

Department of Interior/FWS Budget Offices: The group met with Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget (DOI), Steve Ferrel (Service budget), and with the person who oversees the Reclamation budget. They were most interested in what we were hearing regarding budgets during our congressional visits. They indicated the need to maintain strong Service and Reclamation support for our programs. They appreciated being able to link their work on budgets with recovery of endangered species. They are supportive of the budget requests for the programs made by Reclamation and the Service.

Western Governors Association and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies: The group met with **Laura Wilkeson, Manager of Federal Relations for WGA** and Jennifer Mock Schaeffer, Government Affairs Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. They are aware of and supportive of the recovery programs. Jennifer asked how the programs dealt with drought and water shortages. She noted that many programs don't have protocols for dealing with water shortages. She asked about federal agency support for the programs and asked what we were hearing regarding budgets for this next year.

Conclusions and Recommendations: It remains vitally important for non-federal representatives of the two recovery programs to visit congressional offices, Interior Department and non-governmental organizations' officials and their staffs each year. Congressional and administration staff turnover occurs every year, especially in election years and when the majority party changes in either house of Congress. The visits remind Congress and the federal agencies of the importance of the programs to a broad range of constituents including states, tribes, power customers, energy producers, environmental organizations, and water users. This is essential to assuring that funding for the programs is included in the President's annual budget request and that these funds are appropriated by Congress. The visits also help assure support in Congress and in the administration for needed amendments to the funding authorizing legislation for the programs' that periodically occurs and will occur again beginning in 2016.

Trip participants recommend special efforts to build awareness of and support for the recovery programs in 2016 and 2017, as the need for extension of the annual funding authorization for the programs approaches. This might include organizing field tours in the company of the programs' participants or other outreach activities that would give congressional staffers in local offices and in Washington more awareness of the programs' accomplishments and benefits.

In past years, the group circulated letters that were signed collectively by members of the congressional delegations from the four Upper Basin states supporting appropriations to the Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the recovery programs. These letters were addressed to the chairs and ranking minority members of the appropriations subcommittees in both the House and the Senate. A few years ago, these letters were discontinued out of concerns raised in recent sessions of Congress about support for "earmarks." However, during our visits during in 2015, several members of the delegations of both parties offered to sign delegation letters supporting appropriations for the programs. It is recommended that the group draft delegation letters for signature in 2016.

There is a new Interior Subcommittee under the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. It was recommended that the subcommittee be given a one-time briefing on the programs as good example of a government partnership. This is something to consider for the 2016 briefing trip, although it may not be needed.

The 2015 D.C. trip had to be scheduled in mid-April rather than earlier in April or March due to a number of scheduling conflicts with other activities involving group participants. However, the mid-April trip is late in the congressional appropriations process. It is recommended that future trips be scheduled in March. Easter will be in March next year and will influence when Congress takes an Easter break, an important factor in scheduling the trip.

This year we took back more Program flash drives than booklets. By the end of the week, we were limited in how many briefing books we could handout. It appears that the Federal government computer security policies indicate that they are not to use flash drives in their computers. Melanie will research this further. We may need to go back to primarily printed material for our DC briefings.

We remain convinced and are reminded by congressional and Administration staff with whom we meet that the visit to Washington is important for sustaining support and appropriations for the Upper Colorado and San Juan recovery programs.

Appended Materials: Following this narrative are the attached documents referenced above:

Attachment 1. Roster of 2015 Briefings Meetings

Attachment 2. New Mexico Funding Flyer

Attachment 3. Non-Federal Participants' FY16 Funding Request Document



Attachment 1. Roster of 2015 Briefings Meetings



Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program & San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program

Date	Time	Meeting With	Affiliation	Office Location	Phone Number	E-Mail Address	Comments and Follow-up
Tuesday April 14	8:30 am	Trip Participants' Meeting	Briefing Trip Participants	Longworth Bldg Cafeteria B-223 (basement)		New Jersey Ave, SE and C Street SE	
Confirmed	9:15 am	Jonathan Shuffield	Rep. Steve Pearce	RH-2432	225-2365	Jonathan.Shuffield@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	9:15 am	James Thomas, LD	Rep. Doug Lamborn	RH-2402	225-4422	James.Thomas@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	10:00 am	Lauren Allen	Rep. Mike Coffman	RH-2443	225-7882	Lauren.Allen@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	10:30 am	Sisy Garcia	Rep. Ben Ray Lujan	RH-2446	225-6190	sisy.garcia@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	10:45 am	Landon Stropko	Rep. Cynthia Lummis	RH-2433	225-2311 226-0695	Landon.Stropko@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	11:00 pm	Elinor Bastian Ellen Treimel	Rep. Diana DeGette	RH-2368	225-4431	Eleanor.Bastian@mail.house.gov Ellen.treimel@mail.house.gov	
	LUNCH	Longworth Cafeteria					
Confirmed	1:30 am	Jennifer George-Nichol	Rep. Jared Polis	LH-1433	225-2161	Jennifer.George-Nichol@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	2:00 pm	Alma Acosta	Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham	CH-214	225-6316	Alma.Acosta@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	2:15 pm	Jeff O'Neil Joe Minges	Rep. Ed Perlmutter	LH-1410	225-2645	Joe.Minges@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	3:00 pm	Tim Martin	Rep. Scott Tipton	CH-218	225-4761	Tim.Martin@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	3:45 pm	Greg Brophy James Hampson	Rep. Ken Buck	CH-416	225-4676	James.Hampson@mail.house.gov	
Confirmed	8:30/8:45 am	Anthony Sadillo	Senator Tom Udall	SH-110	224-6621	Anthony_Sadillo@tomudall.senate.gov	
Confirmed	10:00 am	Ed Cox Mike Freeman Casey Snyder Colton Miles Tim Robison Michael Squires	Senator Orrin Hatch Senator Mike Lee Rep. Rob Bishop Rep. Jason Chaffetz Rep. Chris Stewart Rep. Mia Love	SH-104 SH-316 CH-123 RH-2236 CH-323 CH-217	224-5251 224-5444 225-0453 225-7751 225-9730 225-3011	Mike_Freeman@lee.senate.gov Fred.Ferguson@mail.house.gov Mike.Jerman@mail.house.gov Tim.Robison@mail.house.gov	

Confirmed	11:00 am	Chris Tomassi Melissa Zimmerman	Senate Interior, Envir. & Related Agencies Approps Subcommittee	SH-125	224-7262 228-3487	Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov	
Confirmed	11:30 am	Maya Hermann	Senator Martin Heinrich	SH-702	224-5521	Maya_Hermann@heinrich.senate.gov	
Request Pending	11:30 am	Ryan Jackson Alex Herrgott Chris Tomassi	Senate Environment & Public Works Committee	SH-508	224-8832 224-6176	Jason_Albritton@epw.senate.gov Tyler_Rushforth@epw.senate.gov Chris_Tomassi@epw.senate.gov	
	LUNCH		Colorado Water Congress Delegation Briefing				
Confirmed	2:00 pm	Laura Sherman Tim Prowitt	Sen. Michael Bennet	SR-261	224-5852	Laura_sherman@bennet.senate.gov Tim_Prowitt@Bennett.Senate.Gov	
Confirmed	2:15 pm	Travis Jordan Becky Cole	Sen. John Barrasso Sen. Mike Enzi	SR-379A	224-6441 224-3424	Travis_Jordan@barrasso.senate.gov Becky_Cole@enzi.senate.gov	
Confirmed	3:00 PM	Jennifer Loraine Betsy Blair Phil Newman	Sen. Cory Gardner	SD-B40B	224-5941	Jennifer_Lorraine@gardner.senate.gov	
Confirmed	4:00 pm	Tyler Owens Majority Clerk	Senate Energy and Water Development Approps. Subcommittee	SD-124	224-8119	Tyler_Owens@appro.senate.gov	
Thursday April 16	////////////////////	////////////////////	////////////////////	////////////////////	////////////////////	////////////////////	////////////////////
Confirmed	9:30 am	Gary Frazer Jeff Newman Jeff Underwood Don Morgan David Miko Chris Nolin Denise Sheehan Steve Guertin	USFWS Dep. Dir. & Asst. Dirs – D/D; A/D-E/S, A/D-F&HC; A/D-Budget, Planning & HR & key E/S staff and National Park Service Dep. Assoc. Dir. for Nat. Res. Stewardship & Science, and Water Res. Div. personnel	Room 3038 Main Interior Building 1849 C Street, NW	208-4545 208-4646 208-6393 703-358-2400 208-3884 208-5652	Jeff_Underwood@fws.gov Denise_Sheenana@fws.gov – C&LA (703) 358-2536 Stephen.guertin@fws.gov	
Confirmed	10:30 am	Jennifer Gimbel Bob Wolf Matt Maucieri Karen Radzykewycz	Asst. Secretary for Water and Science; Acting Commissioner of Reclamation; Dep. Comm. Policy, Management and Budget; Dep. Chief for Cong. & Legislative Affairs, Liaison Officer	Room 6340 Main Interior Building 1849 C Street, NW	208-3186 208-3136 513-0501	Kradzykewycz@usbr.gov Karen Radzykewycz at 513-0667	
Confirmed	11:00 am	Kiel Weaver	House Natural Res. Water, Power, & Oceans Subcommittee Chief Counsel to House Res. Committee Chairman	LH-1522	225-8331 225-6065	Kiel.Weaver@mail.house.gov Lisa.Pittman@mail.house.gov	
	LUNCH						

Confirmed	1:00 pm	Denise Flanagan Adrienne Moss Patrick Joos Barbara Cain Smith (BOR) Steve Ferrel (FWS)	Interior (DOI) Budget Office - Director and Deputy Director	Room 4233 Main Int. Building, 1849 C Street NW	208-5308	Denise_Flanagan@ios.doi.gov Adrienne_Moss@ios.doi.gov Patrick_Joos@ios.doi.gov Barbara_Cain-Smith@ios.doi.gov	
Confirmed	3:30 pm	Matthew Muirragui Matt Strickler Chris Kaumo	<i>House Natural Res. Water & Power Subcommittee and House Nat. Res. Fisheries, Wildlife Oceans & Interior Affairs Subcommittee</i>	186 Ford HOB	226-1902 225-6065		
Friday April 17	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////	////////////////
Confirmed	9:00 am	Michelle Olson Jody Olson	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	1133 Fifteenth Street, NW, Suite 1100 Conference Room 1	595-2437	Michelle.Olson@nfwf.org	
Confirmed	10:00 am	Jen Mock Schaeffer, Gov. Affairs Director And Laura Wilkeson, Manager, Federal Relations Washington Office Dir.	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies And Western Gov. Association	Suite 725 , Hall of States 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Suite 388	624-7890 624-5402	jenmock@fishwildlife.org lwilkeson@westgov.org	
Confirmed	11:00 am	Alex Hettinger Emma Roach	Office of Mgmt & Budget Natural Resources Division (Water & Power Branch) & Energy, Science & Water Division	Room 8116 ,New Executive Office Building, 725 17 th St., N.W.	395-4587	AHettinger@omb.eop.gov Sherron_R_White@omb.eop.gov	Contact: Alex Hettinger or Sherron White Names provided to OMB
	11:30 am	Lunch or Depart					

Congressional Switchboard and Mobile Phone Numbers for Briefings Participants:

CONGRESSIONAL SWITCHBOARD	202-224-3121
Darin Bird, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources	801-440-4322
Henry Maddux, Species Recovery Program Coordinator, Utah Dept. of Natural Resources	801-618-9061
Catherine Condon, Southern Ute Indian Tribe	720-839-6274
Mike Greene, Public Service Company of New Mexico	505-933-4214
Stanley Pollack, Department of Justice, Navajo Nation	928-205-5891
Patrick McCarthy, The Nature Conservancy Colorado River Program	505-310-2117
Bill Miller, Chairman, Biology Committee, SJRBRIP and Southern Ute Indian Tribe	970-481-8022
Tom Pitts, Water Users' Representative	No cell phone
Steve Wolff, Colorado River Coordinator, Wyoming State Engineer's Office	307-630-1396
Aaron Chavez, Acting Executive Director, San Juan Water Commission	505-320-0332
Pete Cavalli, Wyoming Rep to UCR Biology Committee	307- 360-7441

Three-digit room numbers are in the Cannon House Office Building (CH), four-digit room numbers beginning with 1 are in the Longworth House Office Building (LH), and four-digit room numbers beginning with 2 are in the Rayburn House Office Building (RH). Room numbers beginning with H2 are in the Ford House Office Building. SD = Dirksen Senate Office Building, SH = Hart Senate Office Building and SR = Russell Senate Office Building. Map showing approximate room locations in the House and Senate Office Buildings is found on the following page.

Remember that it takes extra time to pass through security, especially at OMB, O'Neill Bldg, and at times Senate Office Buildings

ATTACHMENT 2. New Mexico Funding Flyer

Wavetop Briefing for New Mexico Congressional Delegation | FY 2016



SJRIIP Provides **Endangered Species Act Compliance** for these critical diversions from the San Juan and San Juan/Chama

Over 635,000 acre-feet and billions in economic activity



How Much in FY 2016 to Keep These Diversions Covered?

Fish & Wildlife
\$200,000

Bureau of Reclamation
\$50,000



Requesting

- Support for FY16 funding for San Juan and Upper Colorado Recovery Implementation Programs



ATTACHMENT 3. Non-Federal Participants' FY16 Funding Request Document

Requested Fiscal Year 2016 Congressional Appropriations: Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs

The non-federal participants in the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program request the support of Congress for fiscal year 2016 funding included in the President's recommended budget.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

\$737,400 of “Recovery Program” funds for the **Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program** (*Resource Management Appropriation; Ecological Services Activity; Conservation and Restoration Subactivity; within the \$126,298,000 item entitled “Conservation and Restoration”*)

- **Program management:** Funds for salaries, expenses and recovery activities of the Program staff for vitally important day-to-day program management essential to this multi-agency, multi-element, large river basin species conservation partnership.
- **Monitoring achievement of recovery goals:** FWS fish population estimates, stocking evaluations, and monitoring of fish and habitat define progress towards species recovery goals.
- **Data Management:** FWS personnel maintain essential **computerized inventory database systems** - providing management and analysis tools to assess species' response to Program activities and progress towards recovery.

\$200,000 of “Recovery Program” funds for the **San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program** (*Resource Management Appropriation; Ecological Services Activity; Conservation and Restoration Subactivity; within the \$126,298,000 item entitled “Conservation and Restoration”*)

- **Program management and FWS participation:** Funding will meet the salaries and expenses of the San Juan Program Coordinator and Assistant and other related FWS expenses in completing Program actions.

\$525,000 for the **Ouray National Fish Hatchery** (*Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation Activity; National Fish Hatchery System Operations Subactivity; within the \$53,418,000 item entitled “National Fish Hatchery System Operations”*)

- Meeting the **ongoing operation, maintenance and upkeep expenses associated with this innovative Program hatchery** is essential to continuing to annually accomplish the Upper Colorado Program's stocking objectives.

Bureau of Reclamation

\$4,351,000 in “*Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Program*” funds within the Upper Colorado Region budget: **\$4,200,000** for construction activities for the **Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program**; and **\$151,000** for construction management activities for the **Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program** and **San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program**.

- **\$2,018,000** for the **Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Canal Automation Project** near **Palisade, CO** to continue construction of the canal automation system which will more efficiently and effectively match river diversions with actual consumptive use demands and thus conserve approximately 17,000 acre-feet of water per year; which will be redirected to improving instream flows in the Colorado River and replace water currently obtained from Ruedi Reservoir.
- **\$2,182,000** for construction of a fish barrier at the Tusher Wash Diversion Dam on the Green River in eastern Utah.
- **\$101,000** for **Upper Colorado Program Management** for contracting, budgeting, reporting, contract administration, tracking expenditures, and addressing issues and concerns associated with capital project construction.
- **\$50,000** for **San Juan Program Management** for budgeting, contracting and contract administration, reporting, tracking expenditures, and transferring Capital Improvement Program funds to the appropriate entities.

Funding Support Letters Demonstrate Congressional and Grass Roots Support

Appropriations for the programs have had strong bipartisan support by Members of Congress representing Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Testimony supporting appropriations for the recovery programs has been previously submitted to Congress by:

Participating States

- State of Colorado
- State of Utah
- State of Wyoming
- State of New Mexico

Native American Tribes

- The Navajo Nation
- Southern Ute Tribe
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Jicarilla Apache Nation

Cities, Water Users, Environmental and Energy Organizations

- The Nature Conservancy
- Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
- Arizona Public Service
- BHP Billiton
- Central Utah Water Conservancy District
- City of Aurora, Colorado
- City of Colorado Springs, Colorado
- City of Farmington, New Mexico
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Colorado Water Congress
- Denver Water
- Dolores Water Conservancy District
- Grand Valley Water Users Association
- Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
- Orchard Mesa Irrigation District
- Pueblo Board of Water Works
- Public Service Company of New Mexico
- San Juan Water Commission
- Southwestern Water Conservancy District
- Tri-County Water Conservancy District
- Uncompahgre Valley Water Conservancy District
- Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District
- Utah Water Users Association
- Wyoming Water Association

Map of Geographical Area of the Recovery Programs

