

PREFACE

The nineteenth Annual New Mexico Water Conference was to be held on April 4-5, 1974 for the purpose of exchanging information pertaining to New Mexico water resources. This meeting was postponed due to the energy crisis. We felt that it would be irresponsible from a conservation standpoint to hold the meeting during this critical energy use period.

The possibility of holding the Water Conference in conjunction with the 1974 Land Use Symposium was investigated. The consensus was that if federal land use legislation is enacted (that possibly still exists as sponsors are exploring procedural maneuvers to gain reconsideration on the House floor as a rider to another bill), the question of implementing state land use legislation may require more than the full two days presently scheduled for the Symposium.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee is planned to be held during October 16 and 17, 1974 in Albuquerque at the Land Use Symposium for the purpose of planning the 1975 Water Conference.

The enclosed set of papers attempts to carry out the proposed conference theme "Water in Food and Fiber Production" and is being distributed to all persons who attended the 1973 Water Conference.

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