

STATE OF COLORADO)
) SS. Resolution No. 2003-046
COUNTY OF OURAY)

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Ouray County, Colorado held at the Court House, Ouray, Colorado on the 25th day of August A.D., 2003.

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Colorado’s drought, water and economic future are uncertain, and;

WHEREAS, A variety of drought solutions are available to produce results more quickly and at less financial risk than incurring Referenda A’s 2 billion dollar debt for risky dam schemes, including;

- Balanced agreements between urban water users and agriculture water users to share water in times of severe drought;
- Make full and efficient use and re-use of existing water supplies;
- Clear dams of sediment which has reduced the storage capacity of many dams;
- Invest in and create incentives for water conservation and efficiency for all categories of water users;
- Expansion of existing reservoirs, and;

WHEREAS, Local governments across Colorado currently have access to funding to build water storage projects and fund many of the above solutions. Referendum A would create additional state debt (up to 4 billion dollars with interest) for large new storage projects but prohibits these funds from being used for smaller projects and conservation efforts, and;

WHEREAS, 2 billion dollars of additional state debt that could add up to 4 billion dollars with interest in an unlimited payback time, is not needed, frivolous, will not be utilized by our local government, could cost the Colorado taxpayers much, and drive Colorado further into debt, and;

WHEREAS, Colorado residents, including many in Ouray County, place a high value on sound economic policy, healthy communities, and inventive and smart strategies to protect our water supply as an important aspect to our way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, the Ouray County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose Referenda “A” on the 2003 Colorado election ballot and recommend a NO vote to the people of Colorado.

Introduced, read and passed this 25th day of August, 2003.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OURAY COUNTY.

By: _____
Don Batchelder, Chairman

Bill Ferguson, Vice-chairman

Tom Hollenbeck, Member

ATTEST:

Michelle Olin, County Clerk

By: _____
Shelli D. Banks, Deputy Clerk of the Board