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RESOLUTION REGARDING CLIFFORD H. STONE

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WHEREAS, Clifford H. Stone, a native son of Gunnison and lifelong resident of Colorado, known throughout the West as “Judge Stone,” contributed greatly to essential water development in Colorado and also throughout the American Southwest and Midwest, from the mid-1930s to his sudden death in 1952, in these many specific ways:

- In 1935 Judge Stone, a member of the Western Colorado Protective Association, participated on a statewide “Committee of Seventeen,” to devise “all-Colorado” strategies whereby the East Slope agricultural and urban interests would be able to access Colorado River water in ways that would not proscribe the West Slope’s future development; and
- In 1936 Judge Stone was elected to the State House of the General Assembly and in the 1937 legislative session guided legislation creating the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the Colorado River Water Conservation District and the conservancy district act to coordinate water development in Colorado with the Bureau of Reclamation; and
- Later in 1937 Judge Stone resigned from the legislature to be the first director of the CWCB until his sudden death in October 1952, consistently acting on his deep belief that the East Slope and West Slope could develop water projects that would benefit both slopes and more fully utilize Colorado’s portion of the waters of the Colorado River; and
- From 1946 through 1948 Judge Stone participated as the state of Colorado’s commissioner on the Commission that negotiated and created the Upper Colorado River Compact; and
- In his years as Executive Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Judge Stone participated in the creation of interstate river compacts for: the Rio Grande (1938); the Republican River (1942); Costilla Creek (1948); Arkansas River (1948); and, the aforementioned Upper Colorado River (1946-1948).

WHEREAS, these accomplishments and more led the Colorado Water Conservation Board directors to acknowledge, on his death, that “through the rich wisdom, simple patience, resolute perseverance and deep patriotism of Judge Stone, the relationship of Colorado with her neighboring states and with the national government in water matters have so improved that turmoil and strife have largely given way to unity, and the protection and development of the water resources of the West have been advanced”; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has not acknowledged Judge Stone's enduring contribution with an equally enduring tribute, to the extent that his name is hardly recognized today by the State's water leaders;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Water Conservation Board was established in 1937 as a citizen board that now represents each major river basin in the state charged with the mission of conserving, developing, protecting and managing Colorado's water for present and future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ruedi Dam shall be dedicated by name to the memory of Clifford H. Stone. This is to be accomplished in an appropriate ceremony in 2012, as part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the institution signed below, whose creation owed so much to Judge Stone, and in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of his untimely death.

CERTIFICATE

I, John H. McClow, Chairman of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a unanimous vote of the members of the Board in regular session assembled at Glenwood Springs, Colorado on the 16th day of May, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John H. McClow", written over a horizontal line.

John H. McClow, Chair