

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 27, 1976

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment in the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 involving a decrease in the amount of \$4,800,000 for the Department of the Interior.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F".



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 involving a decrease in the amount of \$4,800,000 for the Department of the Interior. The details of this proposal are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that this request is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
444	Upper Colorado River Storage Project	\$66,031,000	\$-4,800,000	\$61,231,000
	(In the paragraph immediately following the above heading delete " <u>\$61,900,000</u> " and insert in lieu thereof <u>\$57,100,000.</u>)			

This request reflects the decision not to construct the Llano Unit of the San Juan-Chama participating irrigation project in Colorado and New Mexico. The cancellation of this project is a result of meetings between the Bureau of Reclamation and area residents, state and local government agencies, and other interested parties about the desirability of this project. These meetings were in compliance with a directive contained in the Senate Report No. 94-505 on the 1976 Public Works Appropriations Act. This directive required the Bureau to resolve community objections to the Llano Unit in a satisfactory manner prior to proceeding with construction. As a result of the overwhelming objections of the public and other interested parties to the construction of the project, it has been terminated.