

Moving Waters



the Colorado River & the West

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MOVING WATERS: THE COLORADO RIVER & THE WEST FACT SHEET

What: *Moving Waters: The Colorado River & The West* is a collaborative project of the seven state humanities councils of the Colorado River basin. The project will happen in 22 communities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, all which owe their existence --- directly and indirectly --- to the Colorado River.

This multi-dimensional project will explore three themes: the legal history that determines who controls the water; the impact of people and economies on the rivershed; and the stories, legends and lore of this critical water source.

When: December, 2001 - July, 2002

Where: Arizona - Phoenix, Page, Parker and Yuma
California - San Diego, San Bernardino and Imperial Valley
Colorado - Denver, Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction
Nevada - Las Vegas, Boulder and Laughlin
New Mexico - Santa Fe, Farmington and Silver City
Utah - Salt Lake City, Moab and Vernal
Wyoming - Green River, Pinedale and Rock Springs

How: Each project site will host a traveling exhibit, lectures by scholars and river authorities, and a book discussion series over a three month period. A six part radio documentary will air on local public radio stations.

Why:

The Colorado River, with its massive drainage system, is the lifeblood of the American West. More than 25 million people depend on the river. Many are unaware of the river's existence, let alone its vital importance. People who live in the watershed and service area need to understand how they affect the river and how the river affects them.

To present the complete story, *Moving Waters* will bring together local and regional experts and scholars to offer a comprehensive and balanced perspective revealing the complexities of the Colorado River.

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