

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL**  
**in support of the**  
**Weather Modification Research and Technology Transfer Act**  
**Medora, North Dakota**  
**July 11, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, the 110th Congress is considering S. 1807 and H.R. 3445, introduced respectively by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison as the Weather Mitigation and Research Development Policy Authorization Act and by Rep. Mark Udall as the Weather Mitigation Research and Technology Transfer Authorization Act, to develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated national policy and cooperative program, and authorizes \$10 million per year for 10 years to enhance federal support for weather modification, promote research and development, and provide financial assistance to private and public entities; and

**WHEREAS**, western states support operational weather modification projects, realize the benefits derived from weather modification, and permit weather modification activities for various purposes ranging from snow augmentation to hail suppression, under varying state statutes and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the West depends on water that originates from snow, and the American Meteorological Society (1998), World Meteorological Organization (2001), and the National Academy of Sciences (2003) have all found that there is strong physical and statistical evidence that wintertime weather modification activities can create additional snowpack in watersheds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Weather Modification Association and the North American Interstate Weather Modification Council support a “coordinated national program” to further the science, understanding, and utility of weather modification; and

**WHEREAS**, several Council member states are also members of the North American Interstate Weather Modification Council (Arizona, California, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota, Nevada, Texas, Oklahoma, Idaho, and Kansas) and work together to facilitate the exchange of interstate atmospheric resource management information; and

**WHEREAS**, western states would benefit greatly from a coordinated national program that advances the field of weather modification as it relates to precipitation enhancement for water management – and assists in the scientific evaluation of western states weather modification operations, while complying with related state laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Western States Water Council strongly supports enactment of federal legislation to promote research and reasonable and responsible development and control of our atmospheric resources in compliance with applicable state laws.