

## **Key Congressional Actions**

The United States Senate and House of Representatives – and the President of the United States have supported the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project studies with a number of legislative actions over more than 40 years. Here is a list of the actions taken, beginning with the most recent:

P. L. 113-121: Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 included language to allow the Colorado Department of Natural Resources “or its designee” implement the reallocation project. This bill was signed into law by President Barak Obama on June 10, 2014.

P. L. 111-8: Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009. 2007 included language allowing the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to implement the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project and directing the Secretary to collaborate with CDNR and local interests to determine costs to be repaid for storage that reflects the limited reliability of the resources and the capability of non-Federal interests to make use of the reallocated space in Chatfield Reservoir, Colorado. Signed into law by President Barak Obama on March 11, 2009.

P. L. 110-114: Water Resources Development Act of 2007. Amended Sec. 808 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 by striking “agriculture” and inserting “agriculture and environmental restoration” as project purposes. This bill was signed into law by President George W. Bush on November 8, 2007.

P.L. 99-662: Water Resources Development Act of 1986. SEC. 808. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN, COLORADO. The project for flood control and other purposes on the South Platte River Basin in Colorado, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950 (64 Stat.175) is modified to authorize the Secretary, upon request of and in coordination with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and upon the Chief of Engineers' finding of feasibility and economic justification, to reassign a portion of the storage space in the Chatfield Lake project to joint flood conservation purposes, including storage for municipal and industrial water supply, agriculture, and recreation and fishery habitat protection and enhancement. Appropriate non-Federal interests shall agree to repay the cost allocated to such storage in accordance with the provisions of the Water Supply Act of 1958, the Federal Water Project Recreation Act, and such other Federal laws as the Secretary determines appropriate.

## **Funding**

Congress appropriated \$100,000 for the Reconnaissance Study for the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project in FY1997. When that study was completed, work began to work with the Congress to obtain funding for the Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement. Congress appropriated incremental funding for the study every year from FY1998 through FY2013 to complete the study. In 2005, the study was zeroed out in the President’s budget, making it more difficult to keep the funding stream in place. From then until FY2013 the Chatfield water providers, with support from the State of Colorado, other stakeholders and interest groups, worked each year to seek congressional approval for the funding needed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to keep the study moving forward. The federal share was

matched dollar for dollar by the State, acting as the non-federal sponsor. The Colorado Congressional Delegation supported the funding every year. Total federal funding for the study: \$3,386,000.