

(l) *Water Resources shall include all waters within the basin;*

(m) *Withdrawal shall mean any appropriation of water including, but not limited to, a taking or removal of water from any source within the basin regardless of its use or destination;*

(n) *Words importing the singular include and apply to several persons, parties, or things; words importing the plural include the singular;*

(o) *Writing shall include printing, typewriting, and every other method and manner in which visual symbols may be permanently produced or reproduced.*

1.03. *Findings.—The legislative bodies of the respective signatories hereby find and declare:*

(a) *The water resources of the basin are affected with local, state, regional and national interests and their planning, conservation, utilization, development and management, under appropriate arrangements for intergovernmental cooperation, are public purposes of the respective signatories.*

(b) *The water resources of the basin are subject to the sovereign rights and responsibilities of the signatories, and the coordinated, cooperative or joint exercise of such rights and responsibilities is in the common interests of the people of the signatories.*

(c) *The water resources of the basin are functionally interrelated, and the uses of these resources are interdependent. A single governmental agency is therefore essential for effective economical direction, supervision and coordination of efforts and programs of federal, state and local governments, of other public bodies and of private enterprise, as they may relate to water resources.*

(d) *The satisfaction of present and future demand requires increasing economies and efficiencies in the use of water resources, and these can be brought about only by comprehensive planning, programming and management under the direction of a single governmental agency.*

1.04. *Purposes.—The purposes of the signatories in enacting this compact are:*

(a) *To help meet the essential requirements of the present and future population of the basin; to promote intergovernmental cooperation; to assure and protect desirable developments within the basin; to encourage cooperative and coordinated water resources planning and action by the signatories and their agencies; and to establish a joint agency of the signatories to provide for the planning, conservation, utilization, development and management of the water resources of the basin.*

(b) *To preserve and utilize the functions, powers and duties of existing offices and agencies of government to the greatest extent consistent with the other purposes of this compact.*

1.05. *Powers of the United States.—(a) Nothing contained in this compact shall impair, affect, or extend the constitutional authority of the United States.*

(b) *The signatories hereby recognize the power and right of the Congress at any time by any statute expressly enacted for that pur-*