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ARTICLE 4
WATER SUPPLY

4.01 Development, Storage and Release of Waters.—The Commission may acquire, construct, operate and maintain projects and facilities and such related structures, appurtenances and equipment as it deems appropriate, for the development, storage and release of water and for the regulation of flows and supplies of surface and ground waters of the basin, for domestic, municipal, agricultural and industrial water supply, the protection of public health, water quality control, economic development, improvement of fisheries and wildlife, recreation, flood control and flood damage reduction, prevention of undue salinity, and for other purposes relating to the control and use of the water resources of the basin.

4.02. Unauthorized Diminution of Augmented Flows Prohibited.—No person or governmental agency shall diminish any augmented flow during any period in which releases from storage are being made under the direction of the Commission, except where diversion or withdrawal is authorized by this compact or by the Commission.

4.03. Additional Powers.—In connection with any project authorized by this article, the Commission shall have power to provide storage, treatment, pumping, and transmission facilities, but nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the Commission to engage in the retail business of distributing water.

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ARTICLE 5
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

5.01. Intent and Policy.—(a) The legislative intent in enacting this article is to give specific emphasis to the primary responsibility of the signatory states for water quality management and control.

(b) In order to conserve, protect, and improve the quality of the waters of the basin, it shall be the policy of the Commission to encourage and coordinate the efforts of the signatories to prevent, reduce, control, and eliminate pollution so as to achieve and maintain water quality consistent with the uses established in the comprehensive water resources plan.

5.02. Standards for Controlling Water Quality.—(a) The Commission may recommend to the signatories their establishment, modification, or amendment of standards of quality for any waters of the basin.

(b) The Commission may, after public hearing, adopt and from time to time change, criteria of water quality for each classification of water use established in the comprehensive water resources plan, standards of water quality applicable to particular waters of the basin, standards for preventing, controlling and abating pollution, and definitions of pollution and identification of pollutants.

Upon the effective date of this compact, the criteria and standards in force in the signatory states shall be deemed to have been adopted