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Reclamation budget plan cut

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In keeping with a federal trend, President Clinton's 1996 budget for the Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Region includes cutbacks from this year's budget.

The Clinton administration is seeking \$276 million from Congress next year for the regional office in Boulder City. That would be \$44 million less than what the region will have received when this fiscal year expires at the end of September.

Most of the proposed decrease is attributable to reduced construction on the Central Arizona Project, said Colleen Dwyer, a bureau spokeswoman in Boulder

City. That program, she said, would receive \$122 million under Clinton's budget plan.

Dwyer said some other programs slated to receive funding under Clinton's budget are: projects for the Yuma, Ariz., area, \$21 million; three cost-sharing water reclamation projects in California, \$21 million; and \$2 million for endangered species conservation and recovery projects.

The Lower Colorado Region this year employs 1,245 including 305 at the Boulder City office. That is 252 fewer employees than were in the region last year and 64 fewer employees at the Boulder City office.