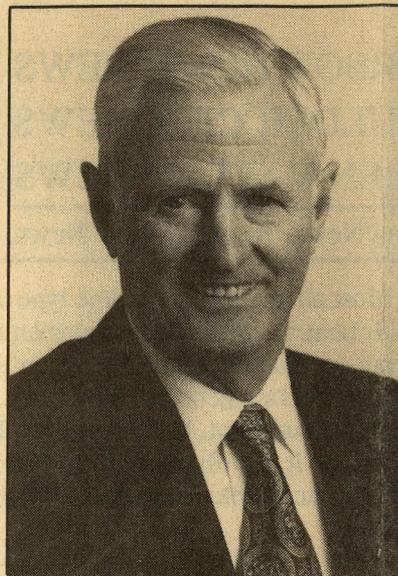


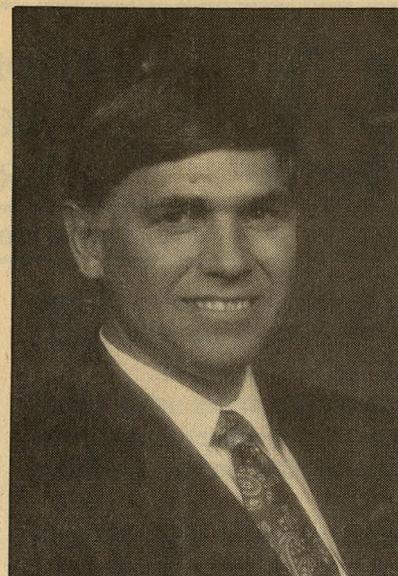
Reclamation fills key positions

The appointments of Robert J. Towles, Dennis E. Schroeder and Robert W. Johnson to key management positions in the Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Region were announced recently by Commissioner of Reclamation Dennis B. Underwood.

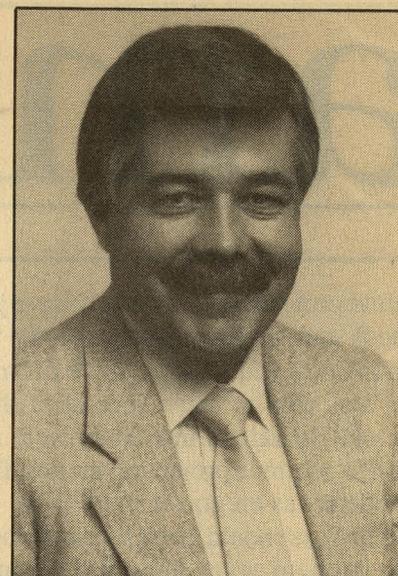
Towles has been appointed regional director for the region, which is headquartered in Boulder City. The office is responsible for operation and maintenance of the last 688 miles of the Colorado River in the United States, and for administering associated water resource programs in Southern Nevada, Arizona, and Southern California. He succeeds Ed Hallenbeck, who retired in February.



Robert Towles



Dennis Schroeder



Robert Johnson

bility. Since May 1986, he has been the project manager for the Arizona Projects Office, which is responsible for construction of the Central Arizona Project.

Schroeder has been named project manager of the Arizona Projects Office in Phoenix, succeeding Towles.

Johnson has been named as assistant regional director in the Lower Colorado Region Office in Boulder City. He succeeds John Brown, who retired in November 1990. Towles and Johnson will join Assistant Regional Director Walter Fite to form the regional office executive management team.

"Bob Johnson's diverse experience in matters relating to

Reclamation's water, land, and power resources activities make him extremely well-qualified to oversee Lower Colorado Region programs," Underwood said.

Johnson, who received a master's degree in agricultural and resource economics from the University of Nevada-Reno in 1977, has been a Reclamation employee since 1975. He began his career in Reclamation's Sacramento, Calif., office, then transferred to the Lower Colorado Region in 1979. In 1987, he was named chief of the contracts and repayment branch in the Commissioner's Office in Washington, DC. In that job, he had primary responsibility for agency matters related to water project

financing, repayment and water marketing. He returned to the Lower Colorado Region in 1988, as the regional supervisor of water, land and power.