



**ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN STATE ENGINEERS
2016 POSITION STATEMENT
FEDERAL PAYMENT OF ADJUDICATION AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS**

The federal government administers much of the land in the west and has many claims to water rights under both federal and state laws. Proper administration of water rights by the states, including those held by the federal government and those held in trust for Indian tribes, is in the interest of all water users. Like other water users, the federal government benefits from the adjudication and administration of water rights and should pay an equitable share of the cost of state programs to adjudicate water rights under the McCarran Amendment and pay water use fees established by state water administrators.

The Association of Western State Engineers encourages Congress to enact legislation requiring federal agencies to pay their equitable share of the cost of McCarran Amendment adjudications and state administrative fees.

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