

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

MAY 7, 1996

IMPORTANT

Dear Preferred Shareholder:

We have previously sent you proxy materials for the important Annual Meeting  
of Shareholders to be held on May 7, 1996. According to our latest records,  
we have not yet received your proxy.

Your Board of Directors has unanimously recommended that shareholders vote FOR  
all proposals. Because Proposal 3, the amendment to the Articles of  
Incorporation, requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all outstanding  
preferred shares voting as a class, your vote is very important no matter how  
many or how few shares you own.

Since time is short and your vote is extremely important, we have established a method to enable you to vote by toll-free telephone. Please follow the simple instructions below.

Thank you for your cooperation.

John E. Hayes, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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TOLL-FREE PROXYGRAM OPERATORS WHO ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE COMPANY ARE  
AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU NOW!!!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Call Toll-Free 1-800-437-7699 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight eastern time.
2. Tell the operator that you wish to send a collect Proxygram to ID No. 4172, Western Resources, Inc.
3. State your name, address and telephone number.
4. State the bank or broker at which your shares are held and your control number as shown below:

Name:  
Broker:  
Control number:  
Number of shares: [SHARES]

If you need assistance in voting, call our solicitor, Georgeson & Company Inc. at 1-800-223-2064.

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

Solicited by the Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Western Resources, Inc. - May 7, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. in the Maner Conference Centre (Kansas Expocentre) located at the southeast corner of Seventeenth and Western, Topeka, Kansas.

The undersigned hereby appoints John E. Hayes, Jr., John K. Rosenberg, and Richard D. Terrill and any one or more of them, attorneys and proxies, with full power of substitution and revocation in each, for and on behalf of the undersigned, and with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present, including discretionary power upon other matters properly coming before the meeting, to vote at the above Annual Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof all shares of Preferred Stock of Western Resources, Inc. that the undersigned would be entitled to vote at such meeting. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Notice and Proxy Statement dated March 27, 1996.

The shares represented by this proxy will be voted as directed by the shareholder. If no direction is given when the duly executed proxy is returned, such shares will be voted FOR all proposals.

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Preferred

Western Resources, Inc.  
Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
May 7, 1996

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all Nominees and proposals 2 & 3.

1. Election of the following nominees as Directors:

Frank J. Becker, Gene A. Budig, C. Q. Chandler, Thomas R. Clevenger,  
David C. Wittig

( ) FOR all Nominees ( ) WITHHELD for all  
Nominees

( ) WITHHELD for the following nominee(s) only, give that  
nominee(s) name to the operator.

2. Adoption of 1996 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan.

( ) FOR ( ) AGAINST ( ) ABSTAIN

3. Amend the Articles of Incorporation relating to unsecured indebtedness.

( ) FOR ( ) AGAINST ( ) ABSTAIN