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BOOKS RECEIVED

1) *Resolving Environmental Disputes: A Decade of Experience*, by Gail Bingham. Washington, D.C.: The Conservation Foundation, 1986. Pp. 283. \$15.00 (paperback).

This book is touted as the first comprehensive study which documents the first decade of experience in the use of mediation to resolve environmental disputes. The issues and concepts underlying environmental dispute resolution are presented through 161 documented cases. Within this study, the author reviews the growth of environmental dispute resolution, explores the successfulness of environmental dispute resolution, analyzes the factors which affect the likelihood of success, discusses how efficient environmental dispute resolution processes are and takes a long range look at environmental dispute resolution for the next decade. *Resolving Environmental Disputes* will be of interest to a wide range of people involved in or likely to become involved in, environmental disputes, including government officials, business executives, public interest advocates, citizen activists, attorneys, and planners.

2) *The Salty Colorado*, by Taylor O. Miller, Gary D. Weatherford and John E. Thorson. Washington, D.C.: The Conservation Foundation, 1986. Pp. 102. \$9.50 (paperback).

Damaging levels of salt continue to be carried by the Colorado River as it flows toward the Mexican border, prompting multi-million dollar expenditures in a federal salinity control program. A new report, *The Salty Colorado*, from The Conservation Foundation and the John Muir Institute for Environmental Studies, suggests that the federal government and the Colorado River basin states should consider a variety of new options for combatting the salt problem and for funding salinity control.

The first half of the book is an overview of the Colorado

River salinity issue and the steps taken by the federal government to alleviate the problem. The second half of the book presents varying perspectives to the issue, with the focus being on what alternatives are present for resolution determination. This book will be of interest to both federal and state legislators, governmental agencies, citizen groups, attorneys and planners within the Colorado River basin. In addition this book may prove valuable to those dealing with an analogous environmental problem.