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## *DEPARTMENT UPDATE*

**FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

This Department Update is being provided as a brief update on matters thought to be of general interest or as referred to staff by Council and includes Work Program Updates.

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## City Manager's Office:

### Assistant City Manager Becky Safarik:

Greeley image Initiative Resident and non-resident survey results were analyzed, summarized and reported to the City Council with results indicating continued progress in improving the community's image. Responses totaled 589 for residents and 600 combined for Colorado Springs, Denver and Fort Collins/Loveland for this every-other-year survey. Methodology was designed and implemented to measure current perceptions and opinions and allow direct comparisons between the 2015 results and data gathered in 2013. The survey questionnaire focused on validating the City Council's priorities, determining public safety perceptions, and measuring image initiative and image campaign progress.

The survey data analysis indicated strong support for the Council's priorities, improved public safety perceptions (which mirror the actual drop in crime), and good progress improving the community's image. Image perception improvements were noted for both residents and non-residents, with some of the best progress seen in overall resident sentiment and resident advocacy among Greeley's citizens.

HOME Habitat North – Construction continues on several houses. Permits have been requested for the last two houses.

Construction of a duplex at Camfield Corner is underway with completion expected April, 2016.

CDBG 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue infrastructure Phase III – underway. Waiting for pay requests.

RVNA will start drawing funds from the 2015 grant in January, 2016.

Acquisition of River Park Trailer Court – waiting for decision from HUD attorneys as to whether or not non-citizens are eligible for relocation payments.

G-Hope There have been a total of 13 closings; 5 City employees, 4 UNC employees, 1 NCMC employee, and 3 District 6 employees.

Properties Acquired for City House at 1115 11<sup>th</sup> Street moved off site.

Demolition complete at bank and the Virginian Apartments.

Bids have been accepted for demolition of Safeway building. Contract is signed and demo to begin shortly. Completion target date: March 25, 2016.

Good Neighbor Class Five participants, three were students, all were 22 years of age or younger.

Polar Pedal Sponsored, organized community bike ride – 40 riders.

Northern Colorado Leadership Presentation Presented information about the Poudre River Trail system in Greeley/Weld County to 40 attendees.

Downtown Neighborhood Meeting Organized and facilitated downtown neighborhood meeting where 50 residents/business people attended.

Poudre River Trail The trail is kept open with plowing of snow as much as is possible. There are users almost every day of the year. Cleaning and organizing- The months of January and February represent a good time for important cleaning and organizing of records, files and materials. This action has taken most of the time in recent days. Event planning - Work is underway to plan the first major Poudre Trail event of the year. The Trail-athlon will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 9 am – 12 noon at the Poudre Learning Center.

City Center Updates are now posted to the City website.

## **Economic Development:**

**Economic Development Director Chad Howell:**

*Work Program Department Activity #24 - Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) - Retention visits being scheduled, first business survey to be conducted by end of March; design of tracking instrument and comprehensive contacts list underway; recently conducted formal calls on Loveland Products (County Road 64) and Pioneer Press (29<sup>th</sup> street); assisting a start-up powder coating business find suitable leasable space within the city.*

*Work Program Department Activity #25 - Community Economic Development Marketing - Interim web page complete; "truthing" of entire "Business" column by March 1; total design for printed materials 90% complete; larger redesign of web pages targeted for April/May timeframe.*

## **Finance:**

**Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Victoria Runkle:**

*Work Program Citywide Initiative #7 - Two-year Budget - Working on calendar after Council's input. Will have some Tuesday Worksessions and one Saturday workshop.*

*Work Program Citywide Initiative #8 - Performance Measurement - Departments had updated all of their 2015 performance measures. Finance is working with IT to develop an actual data base that allows reports to be provided quarterly.*

*Work Program Department Activity #28 - Voice Payment System - A vendor has been selected. Contract negotiations and an implementation timeline is under development.*

*Work Program Department Activity #29 - Food Tax Rebate - In the first month of the program, 57 applications have been accepted. Finance staff is directly working with several non-profits, including churches and Transition House, as examples, to encourage people to apply. The non-profits have been very complimentary of Wendy Bethel's outreach efforts.*

*Work Program Department Activity #30 - Sales Tax Engagement Program - Finance staff members have now had two monthly business outreach meetings. The first in January was offered on a cold evening. One business attended. They were very grateful and certainly*

*received great customer service. The February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Chamber and 4 businesses attended. Questions were quite varied.*

Purchasing Revisions Finance is working with departments on specific changes that have to be made. Finance and IT have developed an electronic routing process for contracts as an initial step to stop with the paper shuffling.

Business License Revisions Finance has been leading weekly meeting reviews of Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code. The meetings include representatives of various departments as each type of business license is reviewed. The goal is to have changes to Chapter 6 this summer. Another goal is to have a global business license with specialties noted on the license.

Other Activities Refunding of Water Bonds: The Finance Department has worked on the refunding of the 2006 and 2008 bonds. The past month included the development of rating agency presentations. Ratings are expected by February 19. The bonds will be sold on March 2.

The Finance Department has been extremely busy closing the financial books.

All Funds ended the year well. A full report will be provided in late February to the Council, the public, and employees.

## **Police:**

### **Police Chief Jerry Garner:**

*Work Program Citywide Initiative #12 – Police Transparency and Accountability - As a part of its overall transparency effort, the Police Department has established a goal (Performance Measure) of increasing social media posts and public information presentations, each by 10% in 2016. The Department's body-worn camera committee is continuing its work to identify equipment, vendors, costs, and policies relevant to privacy concerns. The goal is to have a pilot project operational by early summer.*

Staffing The Police Department and Human Resources are about to begin the testing process to fill four existing police officer vacancies. Three of the vacancies are the result of City Council authorizing three additional sworn positions in 2016. In addition, the Department's four police cadets are continuing their studies at the Red Rocks Community College Law Enforcement Academy.

Strategic Plan The Department's newly-revised Strategic Plan has been communicated to City Council and posted on the GPD website. The revised plan is now being circulated throughout the Police Department.

Re-accreditation Staff has been assigned to begin review of the Department's orders, policies, and procedures as a part of the self-assessment component of the re-accreditation process.

Citizens Police Academy The class is filling up for the Department's Spring edition of the Citizens Police Academy, set to kick off in March.

## Information Technology:

### IT Director Patty Stokes:

Downtown Hotel and Conference Center Information Technology is engaged in moving fiber connections and the City's main phone system/phone lines from the Lincoln Park Annex block to our main data center at the Senior Center. The phone system and associated 70+ phone/fax lines were successfully moved on Presidents Day. Fiber optic terminations from City Hall and Rec Center have been moved from Lincoln Park Annex to the Senior Center. Ice Haus and Museum terminations are moving February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lincoln Park Annex Employee/Office Moves IT is engaged in ensuring network/phone connectivity for the Fire, Municipal Court, IT and Video Production Office as they relocate.

## Community Development:

### Community Development Director Brad Mueller:

Building Inspection Inspection stops started a little off in January, and Fire Inspection stops started slow. There were 1,017 total stops year-to-date in 2016 versus 1,334 in 2015. This equates to an average of 10.6 inspection stops per inspector, per day, with is at the desired standard. Plan Reviews for 2016 also started the year slower at 27 YTD compared to 34 YTD in 2015. Performance goals continued to be met, with turn-around times being half the time set for goals in 54% of new construction, and 67% of remodels.

Farmers' Market The Winter Market is held at 1100 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 9 to noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from January – April. Sales are lagging about 7% behind the previous year and staff is working to identify the reason and see what can be done to boost it back up.

Code Compliance All previous records for number of new code enforcement cases in one month were shattered in January. There were 617 new cases opened in January with 392 courtesy warnings issued. With several large storms and persisting accumulation, snow removal was the main issue that staff has been addressing in January.

GROW Facility There were 2,158 cubic yards of materials brought to the organic waste site in January. Most of this was from pallets brought in to be ground into mulch. Other yardage was about 50% of last January's amount but is probably mainly attributable to the winter weather. The site also accepted 185 Christmas trees from residents at no charge, up from 106 last year.

Development Review Pre-application Meetings Staff conducted 9 pre-application meetings in January. The number of these held is an early indicator of future development activity; this month was about average.

Development Review To date staff has reviewed 49 submittals in 2016. There were 65 submittals to date in 2015, 54 submittals in 2014, and 38 submittals in 2013.

### Coming Out of the Ground/Going Into the Ground

- Leprino – 1302 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Expansion of Private Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Flatiron Steel – 11500 21<sup>st</sup> Street – New 3,500 SF Office Building
- Mission Village – NE Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street/23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – 50 Multi-Family Units

- Centerplace North Subdivision – North of Centerplace Drive/East and West of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Infrastructure and Land Grading for Future Commercial Development
- Greeley Dodge Service Facility – North of Highway 34 Bypass/West of 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 30,000 SF Shop and Office Space
- St. Peter Catholic Church Expansion – 915 12<sup>th</sup> Street – Demo and Reconstruction of Parish Office and New Social Hall
- Wild West Motor Sports – 3010 29<sup>th</sup> Street – 6,000 SF Addition for Motorcycle Sales & Parts Storage
- The Reserve at Hunter’s Cove – 6024 1<sup>st</sup> Street – New 4-Plexes
- Public Safety Training Facility – 139 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 2,900 SF Burn Building and Associated Infrastructure
- Agrium Pilot Plant – 2323 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 18,000 SF Research Facility
- Ward Energy Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station – High Pointe Industrial Park – 2 Acre Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station
- Bank of Colorado – 7017 10<sup>th</sup> Street – 12,000 SF Bank/Office Building
- Weld County Storage – 1130 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 16,800 SF of Reconstructed Self-Storage, Warehouse, and Office Space
- Boomerang Ranch 2<sup>nd</sup> Filing – South of 11<sup>th</sup> Street/West of 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 71 Single Family Lots
- The Reserve at West T-Bone – 5770 29<sup>th</sup> Street – 3 New 24-Plexes
- Homestead Multifamily – 3816 29<sup>th</sup> Street – New 8-Plexes/6-Plexes
- Homestead Self-Storage – 3546 29<sup>th</sup> Street – 103,000 SF of Self-Storage Space
- Summer Park – 66<sup>th</sup>-69<sup>th</sup> Avenue/3<sup>rd</sup> Street – New 6-Plexes/5-Plexes/4-Plexes
- Wash N Gloss Car Wash – 6903 10<sup>th</sup> Street - 6,400 SF Automated Wash Bay/2,625 SF Automated Polish Bay/3,675 SF – 5 Bay Detail Building

## **Culture, Parks, & Recreation:**

### **Culture, Parks & Recreation Director Andy McRoberts:**

*Work Program Citywide Initiative #6 – Right-of-Way Maintenance - Staff from Public Works, Community Development, and Culture, Parks, and Recreation have met several times already mapping out existing conditions and R-O-W maintenance practices to establish a baseline. Next meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Work Program Department Activity #16 – Youth Sports Complex Parking Lot Improvements - A schematic design of the parking lot improvements has been developed and vetted by staff for applicability for the site. Specific engineering elements are underway and staff is working on construction scheduling, most likely to take place starting in August after youth baseball season.*

*Work Program Department Activity #19 – Island Grove Improvements Construction of Aven’s Village Inclusive Playground – final design is being completed for a few playground elements that had to be changed due to incompatibility with the original concept. About ½ of the equipment has already been ordered and concrete infrastructure is being planned for installation this spring; #3 - construction of the Buckle Club in collaboration with the Greeley Stampede – construction is underway and the foundation has been poured. Currently awaiting building permit to start on vertical elements.*

Cultural Affairs, Museums and Historic Sites Museums staff has de-installed the “Build! Frontiers” exhibit from the East Gallery and have begun installing a new exhibit “Temperance on Tap”, scheduled for an opening reception on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. This exhibit will be extremely collaborative with local brewers

and tap houses, a survey following a meeting with representatives from each indicated interest from every attending company to partner in or sponsor the exhibit.

The Research Center continues to see an increase in the number of visitors utilizing the facility. Staff provide excellent customer service finding information on various topics from genealogy to the artist Myra Thomas. Additionally, staff are training new volunteers on transcribing, housing artifacts and cataloging.

The Museums continue to be extremely successful at recruiting both work study and interns from Aims and UNC. Three new Aims Work Study students joined the exhibits team in January.

Cultural Affairs, Public Art February 19<sup>th</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup> the Tointon Gallery will present the annual UNC Gala exhibit titled 'World Tour 2016'. This is a juried showcase of the best work from students of the School of Arts & Design. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

A large (12 foot tall) sculpture of a playful puppy originally submitted as a work of art for the Aven's Village playground has been commissioned to be placed temporarily at the entrance of Island Grove by the Sunrise Splash Park. Installation is expected in August.

The 5 panel mural titled 'The Box' by Eleanor Yates has been removed from the old City Council Chambers and will be re-located to the south facing wall of the Recreation Center gym that is adjacent to the west side UCCC parking lot/loading docks of the theatre. The piece has some water damage on the bottom edges of the wooden panels, and some loose nails which are affecting the paint. These maintenance issues are being addressed before it is reinstalled.

Cultural Affairs, Moriya, Japan Sister City Program Meetings with the steering committee and staff are resuming in earnest to prepare for the 2016 visit from the Students and Chaperones from Moriya. There will be an additional group of adult visitors from the Moriya International Friendship Association (MIFA) this year as well. Staff expects 12 students, 3 chaperones, and 10-12 additional adults. Host families are being sought to host youth and adults (typically 1 per family) for 4 nights at the end of July.

Cultural Affairs, Union Colony Civic Center Several unique new marketing ideas are being tested this year, adding value for no additional charge to events to help sweeten a ticket deal. For example all patrons attending the performance of Flashdance were treated by the UCCC Guild to free pizza and pop, and ticket sales jumped by more than 70 after the promotion was announced. Much of the leftover pizza was donated to the Catholic Charities Guadalupe Center. Next month those attending "Ladies of Laughter" will be offered a free glass of wine!

Ticket sales: Film "Hot Spots: America's Volcanic Legacy" (223), "Flashdance" (880), "Broadways Next Hit Musical" (338), "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (207). Upcoming performances: "Disney's Classic

“Fantasia” with Live music by the GPO March 11, “The Dixie Swim Club” March 11 through 20, “Ladies of Laughter” March 18.

Recreation We are very proud of one of our recreation supervisors due to his continual commitment to excellence in representing our City. Justin Wells was recently invited to attend the Greeley Fire Department’s annual award ceremony. Justin received an award in recognition of his partnership with the Fire Department, specifically the rescue dive team. As a result of this partnership the Greeley Fire Department was able to host the International Rescue Dive Conference and certify members of the Fire Department as Master Divers.

Staff has been getting a lot of positive feedback from participants who attended the coaching seminar on January 27th, expressing their appreciation of an educational program tailored to parents and coaches focusing on youth development. We have also gotten a ton of positive feedback from the breakout sessions staff included from the last event highlighting coaches from Soccer, Football, Hockey, Basketball, and Volleyball. We have partnered with different organizations in aim to achieve a common goal of ensuring our youth will not only have an amazing experience within our programs, but gain vital life skills to help perpetuate their success and quality of life.

A few new programs have recently been added to the Family Funplex – W.I.N (Wellness Investment Nutrition) which is a class teaching people the value in living a healthy lifestyle, HIIT training which is a high intensity training class incorporating cardiovascular exercise, Youth Sports Prep for conditioning for future and current athletes, Arnis which is a self-defense class from the Philippines, and Charm School which is a session to teach young ladies on how to be the best versions of themselves in a growing technological world.

The annual Father Daughter Dance attendance was at a total of 1,704 - up from 1,530 in 2014 - a 12% increase.

Currently registering for the Adult NOCO Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be held March 12-13, 2016 at the Recreation Center.

Carrie Fehringer from the Senior Center recently completed assisting with officiating for the Rocky Mountain Senior Games resulting with a report of high accuracy. As such, the Senior Center was rewarded by Nationals with a \$5 per athlete reimbursement. We received a check from Nationals for \$1,075.00 and congratulations as a thank you. Thank you Carrie.

The Senior Center will host a Caregivers Day Friday February 19th 9am – 1pm.

Island Grove Island Grove will host the following public events in the next 30 days, PE Shows’ Gun Show February 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, The ABA Colorado BMX starting February 20, weekends through March, District’s Six College Goal February 21<sup>st</sup> and UNC’s LPSEF Science Fair on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and

February events end with the Pheasants Forever Annual Dinner and fundraiser on the 27<sup>th</sup>. March Kicks off with the Teen Job Fair March 2<sup>nd</sup> , followed by Colorado Oil and Gas Associations Chili Cook Off March 5, the Greeley Tribune Home and Garden Show March 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, and on March 19<sup>th</sup> United Way of Weld County will host its Casino Royal Auction.

Parks, General With the weather finally warming up staff has begun to remove the Christmas lights from Lincoln Park. This process will take approximately 2-3 weeks as we wait for the ground to warm enough to remove buried cords.

The brand new LED scoreboard for Butch Butler Field was delivered on February 10<sup>th</sup>, and staff will work in house to remove the old board and install the new one before the start of the baseball season on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The planning process has begun on the new playground, shelter and restroom for Woodbriar Park, as well as setting a neighborhood meeting to discuss design options with the neighbors

Parks, Forestry Arbor Day materials have been ordered; elementary schools have been contacted about the “Giving Tree” presentations we offer during the week prior to Arbor Day.

Shiloh Hatcher, Forestry Manager, presented “Tree Selection, Planting and Care” a public workshop, on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation Center.

A Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance Workshop was held on February 11<sup>th</sup> - one session primarily for contractors and one primarily for City employees.

Forestry’s annual Tree Care Workshop takes place on February 26<sup>th</sup>, with an expected attendance of 200-250 people.

Parks, Cemetery The Forestry division facilitated a number of tree removals along the southern boundary of the cemetery as well as a couple within the grounds.

Golf Tree trimming (18 trees) and the removal of 20 trees at Highland Hills GC has been completed other than cleanup. Snow hampered the final cleanup of the project. To date no rounds of golf have been played at either Boomerang Links GC or Highland Hills GC for the year 2016.

The City of Greeley and Employment Services of Weld County will be hosting the Teen Job Fair will be on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm at Island Grove Events Center.

Youth Enrichment The Summer Teen Employment Program (STEP) will start accepting applications at the Teen Job Fair on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be 100 positions open in the Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department for a 10 week program with 20 hours per week. The program will run from Tuesday, May

31<sup>st</sup>-Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must be a City of Greeley resident, between the ages of 14-17 by May 31<sup>st</sup> and still in school to be eligible for employment. The deadline for applications will be Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> by 5:00 pm.

The Rodarte Community Center, School District 6 Gear Up and Avid programs and ACE have been working together to bring the S.T.E.M. Summer Scholars program as well as a Robotics program to the Rodarte Center this summer. All partners have been working hard to recruit, train and implement this program in June.

## **Public Works:**

### **Public Works Director Joel Hemesath:**

Sunrise Entry Feature/Parking Lot The parking lot has been paved and striped. The arch entryway feature was installed December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is "corten" steel that will rust over time to attain the desired visual look. The basketball hoop has also been installed. Project is complete except for landscaping; we are in the process of getting informal bids and plan to start work in early spring.

8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Entryway Corridor Improvements, 1300 Block and 13<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection The 2015 construction phase from 14<sup>th</sup> Street through the 13<sup>th</sup> Street intersection started in August reached substantial completion in December. This spring landscaping will be installed as well as the intersection will be repaved to smooth out the ride. The final phase to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 10<sup>th</sup> Street is under design and will be constructed in 2016.

20<sup>th</sup> Street @ 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design is nearing completion. Presently potholing to confirm new signal pole locations. Plan to bid in March with construction after the school year is over with it being done before school starts in the fall.

71<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sheepdraw Bridge Statement of Qualifications for design will be received February 16<sup>th</sup>. Consultant will be interviewed and selection made in March. Construction is anticipated in 2017 for the bridge only.

71<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets Request for Design Services, Statements of Qualification will advertise in March. Design will be done in 2016, right-of-way in 2017 and construction in 2018.

27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Storm Drain Improvements Layne Heavy Civil, Inc. started construction on September 14<sup>th</sup> and has reached Substantial Completion far ahead of the original May completion date. The first lift of asphalt patching on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court is complete; the final lift of asphalt will be done in the spring. Asphalt patching is complete on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street; concrete flatwork is all but complete and has been stopped due to cold weather. Landscaping repair work, a small amount of concrete flatwork, and a few miscellaneous items will be completed in the spring of 2016. The contractor on this project is excellent; they have completed a quality job, within budget and approximately 80 calendar days ahead of schedule.

Downtown Stormwater Master Plan The hydrologic analysis (rainfall/ runoff) of the basin and evaluation of the existing system is complete. Areas at risk of flooding from local rainfall have been identified. The project website is online and can be accessed at <http://www.DowntownRainDrain.com>. This website will assist in public outreach and is capable of collecting comments from the public. A public outreach kickoff meeting was held on January 28, 2016 where the general public was informed of the project and public input was requested through the website. The Baseline Hydrology and Hydraulics report, detailing the work

done thus far will be published before the end of the February and will be made available on the project website.

20<sup>th</sup> Street – 74<sup>th</sup> to 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenues Project design is wrapping up with project planned to be bid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Construction will begin this Spring.

65<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Highway 34 Bypass to City Limits Right-of-way is being negotiated with three property owners. Construction plans are scheduled to be done in March. Then once we have CDOT approval to bid due to this being grant funded the project will be bid out for construction.

## **Water & Sewer:**

### **Water & Sewer Director Burt Knight:**

*Work Program Department Activity #57 – Water & Sewer Operations Division Reorganization - There is a desire to maximize efficiency in terms of personnel and equipment. This activity will develop a reorganization plan that will maximize utilization of field crews, consolidate and simplify the organizational reporting structure, and plan for the eventual loss of institutional knowledge pending future retirements.*

*Work Program Department Activity #58 – Significant Capital Project Implementation - The Water and Sewer Department is the most capital construction intensive Department in the City operation. As such, annually staff is involved in constructing numerous projects. This activity will report on the most significant of these projects which include the following: Northern segment of the Bellvue Transmission Pipeline, Water Treatment Plant Improvements, North Greeley Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Improvements and the Water Pollution Control Facility wastewater solids improvement program.*

*Work Program Department Activity #59 – Federal Permitting - Greeley is proposing to enlarge Milton Seaman Reservoir and is also constructing a new water transmission main from the Bellvue Water Treatment Plant to Greeley. Both efforts involve a laborious permitting process. This activity will track these efforts toward completion and includes the establishment of a Wetland and Conservation Mitigation Bank program which is connected to the Poudre River Greenway Master Plan (see in Citywide Initiatives).*

*Work Program Department Activity #60 – Water Acquisition - Future Water Account II To meet Greeley's long term water needs, the Water/Sewer Board, with Council approval, has embarked on a multiyear water purchase plan. The first phase, Water Account I, purchased a total of 5,400 acre-feet. This activity represents the second phase with the purchase of an additional 400 acre-feet by the end of 2016. To date, 2,459 acre-feet of this 10,000 acre-feet goal has been purchased.*

*Work Program Department Activity #61 – Regional Utility Collaboration - Greeley currently provides water treatment not only for its residents but also for the residents in Evans, Windsor and Milliken. As the region continues to grow collaboration in the area of water and sewer services will be important. This activity includes studying of various collaborative water and sewer service delivery models for the future.*

*Work Program Department Activity #62 – Non-residential Water Requirements Review - New non-residential development currently is required to dedicate a volume of raw water and pay a Plant Investment Fee to Greeley that is based on the size of the water meter. Using the meter size as the*

*proxy for the volume of water needed for a new non-residential customer is a common approach by water utilities, however it may not be the most accurate predictor of the volume of water to be used and potentially adding cost for the development. This activity will review alternative options for determining the requirements for new non-residential water customers and propose the recommended approach for Greeley.*

Water Treatment A “needs assessment report” was prepared for the two water treatment plants, Boyd Lake and Bellvue WTP by HDR Engineering which assessed the condition of each unit process for both treatment plants. The assessment report has resulted in the design of flocculation/ sediment basin improvements being implemented at the Boyd Lake WTP along with filter improvements at Bellvue WTP. Construction of these improvements is ongoing and will be completed prior to the start-up of the Boyd Lake treatment plant next spring and by the summer at the Bellvue treatment plant.

Wastewater Treatment The first phase of the planned work recommended in the WPCF 2012 Solids Master Plan has reached operational status. The new dewatering centrifuge, sludge cake pump, and polymer system are running. Centrifuge optimization is requiring additional time from the vendor. Final construction completion has been extended to June 1, 2016 in order to accommodate the centrifuge optimization. The remainder of the construction activity was completed prior to November 30, 2015 as planned. Design work continues for two new primary digester covers and mixing system, a new digester heating boiler system, and a new South Plant standby generator. The preliminary design report for the proposed facilities has been completed. Phase II of the Wastewater Operations Plan continues with staff providing necessary feedback for the new plant data management system. Huber Technology was awarded a contract for the new screening equipment at the plant’s hauled waste station. The screening equipment was received and installation is scheduled to begin in February.