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Sean P. Chambers
City of Greeley Director of Water & Sewer
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RE: Terry Bison Ranch

Mr. Chambers,

The development of water supplies for current and future needs is the task all of us in the water industry face. Greeley's history of good decisions has led to a bountiful water portfolio and I think that the Terry Bison Ranch project is another good decision.

The Colorado Water Conservation Board has encouraged and facilitated collaborative and innovative watershed-based solutions to meet future water demands. Demands which require thought and careful planning to support a population which will continue to increase as our citizens enjoy all the splendor that the Northern Front Range has to offer.

The Central Colorado Water Conservancy District and multiple project partners have recently completed the Water Storage Reallocation Project at Chatfield Reservoir. This project took nearly 20 years, millions of dollars of permitting, design work and construction to make it happen. These types of federally approved water storage projects are not going to be any simpler or more feasible in the future.

As referenced in the several project documents I've reviewed, my position is the Terry Bison Ranch project benefits make for a successful water bank for years to come. A water bank in the sense that the supply is not exposed to any evaporative losses, the water quality is proven to be safe for potable use, and the largest benefit in my mind is it is replenishable. There are water utilities in Colorado using aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), as well as across the United States.

In closing, I anticipate the Terry Ranch project to be looked upon in the future as a wise decision by the City of Greeley – similar to how we all appreciate our forefathers who invested in the Colorado Big Thompson project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Randy W. Ray', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Randy W. Ray
CCWCD Executive Director