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Mayor Gates and City Councilmembers
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Via Email

RE: Terry Ranch Project


Honorable Mayor Gates and Councilmembers:

As former legal counsel to the Water and Sewer Department, I was directly involved for years with efforts to secure high-quality reliable water sources to meet Greeley's future water needs. I understand the challenges presented by the intense competition for water in the region, and the difficulties in taking an infrastructure project through local, state, and federal permitting processes.

Terry Ranch appears to be an implementable and cost-effective project that can meet Greeley's water needs for the foreseeable future. It is essentially a storage vessel the size of Blue Mesa Reservoir that comes pre-filled. It also presents far less of a permitting burden than most storage projects of this magnitude. I am confident that the thorough diligence process overseen by the Water and Sewer Board and Department staff will ensure that the project functions as anticipated, and reliably produces water of the quality that Greeley citizens have come to expect.

I urge the Council to vote in favor of this project. It will help ensure a prosperous future for the City and reaffirm Greeley's leadership in the Colorado water community.

Sincerely,


John A. Kolanz

cc: Roy H. Otto, City Manager (via email)
Harold G. Evans, Chairman, Water & Sewer Board