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MEMORANDUM

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: June 17, 2022
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Natural Resources Advisory Board
SUBJECT: Graywater Ordinance Development

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Natural Resources Advisory Board would like to express its support for the City of Fort Collins proposed Graywater Ordinance to allow graywater use by residents. As a Board dedicated to preserving our natural resources for the benefit of future generations and grounded firmly in science, we are gravely concerned about the future of water access and availability across the Western United States. However, we believe that the proposed graywater ordinance does not go far enough to make an appreciable impact on water conservation nor does it position the city and its residents to benefit from future modernization of water rights policies. We recommend the graywater ordinance be written to automatically adopt subsurface irrigation approval per 5 CCR 1002-86.10 if and when water rights are amended to allow for this use. We further encourage the city to specifically seek opportunities to advocate for this specific use amendment in order to achieve the stated goals at a more impactful scale.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical policy decision that will have long-term impacts on future community resilience and health.

Very Respectfully,

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Natural Resources Advisory Board