

Chamber Local Legislative Affairs Committee Presentation – May 20, 2022

Minutes Excerpt provided by Chamber

1. Graywater

City of Fort Collins Water Conservation Specialist Mariel Miller provided an overview of the City's work to develop a graywater ordinance. The ordinance is intended to fulfill a council priority and align Fort Collins with state water quality Regulation 86.

Questions asked by the LLAC included: Will the ordinance bring mandated regulations, will the ordinance be expanded to business, will future commercial buildings be required to have graywater systems, does the \$4,500 cost assume a new-home build, does a graywater system increase building operating costs, will graywater systems be a requirement for all new construction, is the City looking at potential City internal operating cost increases created by graywater systems, what will the need and cost be to train staff for graywater permit inspections, what is the return on investment for the City if not many people sign up, what does a 20% reduction in water use look like, what is the user cost reduction in dollars associated with a 20% reduction in water use, is the City willing to move the incentive question up front, has there been a west slope/east slope comparison, are different issues created in cases involving Colorado-Big Thompson water, is toilet flushing not being pursued because of anticipated low return on investment.