

RESOLUTION 2024-099
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO REGARDING
THE POUFRE WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE WILDFIRE
READY ACTION PLAN

A. The City owns and operates a water utility that provides water service to customers within its water service area. The Cache la Poudre River provides a key source of water for the City and its water utility. Water in the Cache la Poudre River originates in various watersheds, including several watersheds near Cameron Pass, namely the Joe Wright Creek Watershed, Peterson Lake Watershed, and Upper Michigan River Watershed (collectively, "Watersheds").

B. The Cache la Poudre River and these Watersheds also provide key sources of water for the City of Greeley ("Greeley") and the Water Supply and Storage Company ("WSSC").

C. Water supplies and infrastructure in the Watersheds face various challenges, including risks associated with wildfires. Protecting water supplies and infrastructure within the Watersheds is a high priority for the City, Greeley, and WSSC to, among other things, ensure all current and future water demands are met, and to continue providing their communities, customers, and shareholders with reliable, safe, and high-quality water.

D. The State of Colorado, through the Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB"), has a program to assist in the development of wildfire ready watershed action plans, including via grant funding. Such plans are generally intended to help stakeholders develop actionable plans to address the impacts from wildfires through actions that may be taken both before and after wildfires.

E. The City, Greeley, and WSSC desire to develop a wildfire ready watershed action plan for the Watersheds ("Plan"). Accordingly, pursuant to Resolution 2024-066, they have entered into the *Agreement Regarding a Wildfire Ready Watershed Action Plan for the Joe Wright Creek, Peterson Lake, and Upper Michigan River Watersheds*, dated May 21, 2024, the purpose of which is to coordinate their joint efforts related to developing the Plan, including funding a consultant to assist with the development of the Plan.

F. The City has been awarded \$209,688 from the State of Colorado, acting through the Colorado Water Conservation Board and its Wildfire Ready Watershed Grant Program to develop the Plan. The proposed grant agreement is attached as Exhibit "A" ("Agreement").

G. As presented in the Budget, Exhibit C, to the Agreement, the City is required to contribute in matching funds to accept the grant. The appropriation for said grant is addressed in Ordinance No. 121, 2024.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that, contingent upon final adoption of Ordinance No. 121, 2024, and it going into effect, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit "A", with such additional terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City or effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted on August 20, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: August 20, 2024
Approving Attorney: Eric Potyondy