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- Greeley acquired the 131 +/- acres Thayer Farm in early 2020. Purchase included 3 shares of LWIC and 4 shares of WRCC
- Total Purchase price was \$2,770,000
  - In 2019 127acres +/- acres plus water rights appraised for \$2,530,000
  - Water apprised for \$1,320,000
  - Land apprised for \$1,206,500 (\$9,500 per acre)
- Paid above appraisal due to rapidly escalating water and land values. The water rights had an estimated value of around \$1,550,000 by March of 2020
- Current offer for dry land only \$1,400,000 (\$10,600 per acre)

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- Offer aligns with dry land values in that area
- Buyer is acquiring the property as an investment
- \$15,000 earnest money
- 5% brokerage commission
- Buyer pays for most diligence, Greeley pays for title commitment
- City obtains dry-up and revegetation covenants
- Leaseback (3 shares of LWIC and 4 shares of WRCC)
  - One year lease, with option to renew annually for four additional years

### Recommendation

- Benefits of divestment:
  - Reduces maintenance overhead
  - o Could seek to re-appropriate sale proceeds for additional water acquisition
- Staff recommends the Water and Sewer Board approve and recommend to City Council the Thayer Farm divestment

# Questions?

