

# Water & Sewer Agenda Summary

Date: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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**Title:** Approve 18CW3042 Global Settlement Agreement with the Greeley Loveland Irrigation Company, City of Loveland, Town of Windsor, Town of Milliken, and Town of Evans

## **Summary:**

The City of Greeley has a diverse portfolio of water rights, which are protected by filing Statements of Opposition in water court cases that could impact these rights. In February of 2018, The Town of Windsor submitted an application to change water rights in the Greeley-Loveland system and Greeley filed a Statement of Opposition with the knowledge that Windsor would be relying on Greeley's previous decrees for the methodology to change these rights.

Greeley has previously changed water rights within this system, and new applications have historically relied on these previous cases as a methodology for their cases. Throughout the last decades there has been ongoing disputes of how this methodology was derived, and how much water the Greeley-Loveland system rights would receive.

Greeley staff, legal counsel, and engineering consultants took the lead on resolving many of the outstanding issues surrounding change cases within this system. Through negotiation of Windsor's pending decree, a Global Settlement was established to limit further disputes in the future. While this is not the typical approach to decrees, Greeley felt that it was necessary to cease the continuing issues when each new court case was entered.

This Global Settlement has been negotiated on and agreed to by all parties and protects Greeley's interests in the future. All other parties are pursuing the appropriate entities to have it signed by the end of July.

**Recommended Action:** Approve 18CW3042 Global Settlement Agreement with the Greeley Loveland Irrigation Company, City of Loveland, Town of Windsor, Town of Milliken, and Town of Evans and authorize the Director of Water and Sewer, or their designee, to approve minor corrections or other non-substantive edits to the agreement.

## **Attachments:**

1. Global Settlement Agreement