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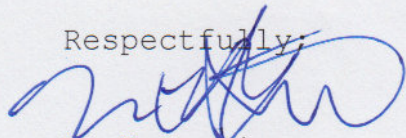
RE: 3/2/21 Greeley City Council meeting; Public comment in support of advancing Terry Ranch initiative

Dear Council Members and Mayor Gates:

In our arid and politically fraught region, securing access to clean and reliable sources of water through time is proving to be the elusive linchpin in planning for a community's continued well being. As a longtime resident business person of Greeley I fully appreciate that our water future presents a unique challenge. Then again, given our community's legacy of leadership in this area it is a challenge to which the considered wisdom of our elected, appointed and hired leadership, including that of Council, is uniquely suited. Thus, I am encouraged by the efforts of the City's water staff and board in identifying, and thoroughly vetting, the Terry Ranch opportunity. Noting the significant diligence performed here, I fully endorse, and hope that all of Council will endorse, the recommendations of our water experts in furthering implementation of the strategic Terry Ranch initiative.

Thank you for your valued stewardship and efforts now to ensure our economic and social prosperity for generations to come.

Respectfully,



Ty Notestine
cell 303-875-6278

Jessica Diagana

From: CityClerks
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Jessica Diagana
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for Terry Ranch Project

From: mlarson356
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:12 AM
To: CityClerks
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Terry Ranch Project

City Council,
I am writing in support of the Terry Ranch project. I have listened to presentations and read the articles in the Tribune. I think the research has been done and the questions have been answered. Thank you for your transparency. This project will continue the legacy of Northern Colorado's water history well into the future .

Mark Larson

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Jessica Diagana

From: billjerke@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:44 PM
To: CityClerks
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch Project

Mr. Mayor and City Council,

Thanks for your service.

You have to opportunity to approved a massive water project for the city of Greeley that would be the largest water project in Colorado-even larger than Blue Mesa Reservoir! Unlike Blue Mesa, Terry Ranch doesn't evaporate or require as much federal approval as surface projects, doesn't serve others in other states and doesn't take a drop from current users like farmers or east vs. west issues.

You can add some water to it in great water years, yes there will be great water years again soon! Greeley can use this as a supplemental source for decades. The science is already good with respect to removal of any metals or contaminants. I believe that the science and techniques, if required, will only get better.

This is a WD Farr kind of project, in my opinion. One with vision.

The only question you really need to answer is: Do I have the kind of vision possessed by other Great Greeley Water professionals through the years? Yes to Water Storage for Greeley's future, or no to fear?

Sincerely,

Bill Jerke, past Chair of the South Platte Water Roundtable

970-371-2532

ps. I am not a Greeley resident but own several properties in Greeley and spend money in Greeley nearly every day!

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Jessica Diagana

From: Sean Chambers
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Jessica Diagana
Subject: FW: NoCo HBA Supports Terry Ranch

Jessica,
Can you please add the below email to the Council packet public comment regarding the Terry Ranch resolution?
Thank you.
Sean

From: Nikki Giordano
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Shannon Metcalf
Cc: Sean Chambers
Subject: NoCo HBA Supports Terry Ranch

Attn: Water Board Chairman

My name is Nikki Giordano and I'm the Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of Northern Colorado. I am writing on behalf of 300 member companies which equates to 20,000 individuals representing the Northern Colorado home building industry. We are in support of the Terry Ranch Project.

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NoCo is in full support of the Terry Ranch Project.

Feel free to call 970-686-2798 with any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Nikki Giordano

Executive Officer
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Jessica Diagana

From: CityClerks
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Jessica Diagana
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch aquifer acquisition

From: Anissa Hollingshead
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:17 PM
To: CityClerks
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch aquifer acquisition

From: Norm Dean <ndean@gwestoffice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Anissa Hollingshead <Anissa.Hollingshead@Greeleygov.com>
Cc: TENLLC@comcast.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch aquifer acquisition

Anissa, while this message is being sent to you, I would ask you to distribute it to the members of the Greeley Council before they have their discussion and vote regarding the above.

As a fifteen-year veteran of the Water and Sewer Board, I strongly recommend the purchase of the Terry Ranch aquifer by the City of Greeley.

As a result of forward thinking on the part of our predecessors, the citizens of Greeley have benefited from an ample supply of clean, fresh water. In addition, this water has allowed the community to grow in terms of population and to have an adequate foundation for solid economic development. This purchase provides for a continuation of planned growth and development for the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Dean



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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch / Wingfoot Deal

From: Lois Pringle
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 5:26 AM
To: CityClerks
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch / Wingfoot Deal

Letter to Mayor and Council. Honorable Mayor and Council,

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Mayor John Gates and Greeley City Council

Another Drought Back-up System?

Even working under the premise that the main and long-term benefit of the City of Greeley to purchasing the Terry Ranch Aquifer is to provide drought protection, it is imperative to have at least a ballpark purchase price as to determine its benefit to Greeley. Wingfoot gets at least 12,120 water credits backed up by Greeley's inventory of water to sell for development in Greeley. There is a huge expense to build all the infrastructure and to add a third water treatment plant and to maintain a State water lease. Not sure what that total will be, but it has to over a billion dollars. What the Water Department wants to gain is a third layer of drought protection. The first layer being the newly updated drought water use plan that the City Council just enacted. (Most Cities use this system as their only drought protection plan.) The second drought action being taken by the Water Department is by devaluing all existing and new water purchases rights to drought yield levels. The water board tell us they do this so that when a drought occurs, Greeley will have enough water to get through the drought without restrictions. Now the water department desires to provide a third layer of drought protection for Greeley residents with another billion dollar investment that will set idle most of the time like the treatment Plant at Boyd Lake.

If you really analyze, this transaction, the Water Department is putting up for sale our existing water rights to be sold to developers with the money going to Wingfoot to purchase a redundant-redundant and redundant drought protection scheme. Wingfoot is giving a kick back to Greeley of \$125 million to help push this deal through. And Wingfoot only owns roughly half the aquifer with the other half being owned by State of Colorado. (The assumed State lease cost a minimum \$100,000 annually to keep it force and if raw water is removed it is on a cost sharing basis with additional rent fees for use of any above ground structures.) Wingfoot is the only winner in this deal with very little investment and a windfall return. I can reassure you that W D Farr would not consider this transaction is needed for drought protection and consider it a cost saving to Greeley as does current leadership.

One last point is that these questionable water policies coming out of our water department are a hindrance to Greeley ever having low-cost housing developments. When the water department decided to base water dedication on arbitrary firm yields rather than use historical averages it nearly doubled the amount of raw water needed to develop in Greeley. (Firm yields are derived from a mathematical drought formula to help determine how much raw water to expect during prolonged drought periods.) Our water department and board likes using firm yields rather than historical averages for dedication because it gives them an added safety factor. This ultra conservative approach to deal with potential droughts is not cost effective and does not help in a competitive growth market.

From just a handful of people I shared this information with, the reaction was overwhelming not to proceed.

Best regards, Jack Schneider

Mayor and Councilmembers:

As a former Greeley City Councilmember, during my service, I was very interested in our water history, issues, acquisition, rate pricing, storage, sewer, and storm water. Therefore, the Terry Ranch Water Aquifer Acquisition Project is important to me today.

Water – what are our first thoughts when we think about water? I will share my thoughts. When I am thirsty, I want to turn on the faucet to get a drink of good, clean water from the sink, frig, or drinking fountain at the mall or park. I want to get a shower or soak in a bathtub, not to mention, flush my toilet and wash my hands often. Vegetables grown in my garden and a pretty green lawn at my house are things important to me. Clean clothes from my washing machine is a priority for our family. We need water to extinguish a potential fire at my house or yours, or in our forests or grasslands. I also really like going to restaurants and eating out. Swimming pools, splash parks, hot tubs, fishing and boating are recreational activities enjoyed by thousands of people that all involve water. And let's not forget our water and sewer bills, keeping them reasonable. There are countless water usages, some absolutely necessary and some luxuries, of course.

But, do we think about where that water comes from and how it gets to our homes when we turn on the faucet? No, probably not, or for some folks, never. But we should. Most of the time we don't even think about it unless it isn't there. I am glad that there are skilled, knowledgeable, professional planners, technicians, engineers, attorneys and leaders who do think about our water all the time. Greeley has positioned itself extremely well through our history of strong visionaries securing water resources for Greeley, yesterday, today and for the foreseeable future. But, what about 100+ years from now (and, no, that is not an exaggeration)? I want to be assured that the same opportunities for safe clean water, with nationally recognized quality that I enjoy today, are available to my children, grandchildren and for all our generations to come for many years into the future.

Terry Ranch Water Aquifer Acquisition Project enters the scene now as a potential water source and storage for our future. That is a huge issue and, in my opinion, THE most important decision for you, ever, in your Council service and in reality, yours and all of our lifetimes. Is the Terry Ranch aquifer perfect – no. Are Milton Seaman and Joe Wright Reservoirs perfect – no. Is anything perfect – no. Do we need to plan for and provide safe, quality water for generations to come with the projected population growth – yes.

I have read through all of the agendas and meeting minutes of both the Water and Sewer Board, and the Greeley City Council related to Terry Ranch; watched all the available website videos, social media information, newspaper articles and commentaries and webinars; and asked numerous questions of all involved, and have received responsive and satisfactory answers. I have talked with numerous people in support AND opposed to this project. I have read all the information in opposition, as well. I appreciate all the information available and respect the care for and passion of everyone in support and opposed to the Terry Ranch Project.

Will there be surprises and perhaps challenges in the future with the Terry Ranch Aquifer Project, maybe and perhaps probably. Obviously we don't know what those precisely might be, but on-going testing and modeling has and will continue to provide some reassurances and skill in response to any potential future occurrences.

I could go extremely techno here, but I won't, you all have total access to all of that detailed information. In my opinion, the staff, consultants, attorneys, professionals and Water and Sewer Board have done their demanded and expected, in-depth and detailed due-diligence on this project, and I believe acquisition of this water aquifer and the water storage and water source it provides for our water future is in the very best interest of the residents of Greeley today and well into the future. I am completely confident that the safety and quality of this water is priority one for all.

Mayor and Councilmembers, thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on this project. You have a fiduciary responsibility, both financially and operationally, to the residents of Greeley, therefore I support Council voting in favor of the Terry Ranch Water Aquifer Acquisition and move forward with the vision of our forefathers, to continue providing us a legacy of the safe, clean and abundant quality water resources we have today.

Debbie Pilch
Former Greeley City Council Member
301 N. 43rd Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634
970-356-8520



February 24, 2021

The Honorable John Gates
Mayor
City of Greeley
1000 10th Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Dear Mayor Gates and Members of the City of Greeley City Council,

I write to offer my support of the Terry Ranch Project as Greeley seeks to establish the security of the water supply to the city for future generations. And, I urge the members of the City of Greeley City Council to vote to approve this project.

The health and strength of any college or university is only as good as that of its hometown. Greeley's long history of investing in its resources to provide for residents and local businesses has helped to ensure that our community is a great place to live and work -- and importantly for the University of Northern Colorado's mission and the future success of families across the city, our region, and the state -- a great place to learn. Efforts today to plan to meet Greeley's water needs for decades to come will make it possible for our city and UNC to continue to thrive as partners invested in the success of our people.

The University of Northern Colorado was founded in 1889 as a normal school in response to this community's desire to ensure future generations had access to excellent teachers and a first class education. As its President, I am deeply committed not just to maintaining, but building upon our university's partnerships with the City of Greeley, Greeley-Evans School District 6, Aims Community College, local businesses, community organizations, and residents. The Terry Ranch Project is an important part of ensuring we all succeed with a healthy, sustainable water supply well into the future.

Rowing, Not Drifting,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Andy Feinstein", is written in a cursive style.

Andy Feinstein
President, University of Northern Colorado



CENTRAL COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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February 25, 2021

Sean P. Chambers
City of Greeley Director of Water & Sewer
1011 11th Ave, 2nd Floor, Greeley, CO 80631

RE: Terry Bison Ranch

Mr. Chambers,

The development of water supplies for current and future needs is the task all of us in the water industry face. Greeley's history of good decisions has led to a bountiful water portfolio and I think that the Terry Bison Ranch project is another good decision.

The Colorado Water Conservation Board has encouraged and facilitated collaborative and innovative watershed-based solutions to meet future water demands. Demands which require thought and careful planning to support a population which will continue to increase as our citizens enjoy all the splendor that the Northern Front Range has to offer.

The Central Colorado Water Conservancy District and multiple project partners have recently completed the Water Storage Reallocation Project at Chatfield Reservoir. This project took nearly 20 years, millions of dollars of permitting, design work and construction to make it happen. These types of federally approved water storage projects are not going to be any simpler or more feasible in the future.

As referenced in the several project documents I've reviewed, my position is the Terry Bison Ranch project benefits make for a successful water bank for years to come. A water bank in the sense that the supply is not exposed to any evaporative losses, the water quality is proven to be safe for potable use, and the largest benefit in my mind is it is replenishable. There are water utilities in Colorado using aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), as well as across the United States.

In closing, I anticipate the Terry Ranch project to be looked upon in the future as a wise decision by the City of Greeley – similar to how we all appreciate our forefathers who invested in the Colorado Big Thompson project.

Sincerely,

Randy W. Ray
CCWCD Executive Director

From: Colleen W <cwetteland51@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Roy Otto
Subject: [EXTERNAL] letter to Mayor and rest of city council

I did not write this letter but I agree with it. Put it to a vote of the people!

Honorable Mayor and Council, It is my understanding that most, if not all, of you will vote to approve the Terry Ranch/Wingfoot deal on March 2. I don't understand how you can approve this, knowing the feeling of a large portion of the community about taking on such a risk. This will not secure our water future. Greeley does not need this at this time, or ever. We have adequate stores of water in the Poudre and elsewhere to provide for a bright future, even without expanding Milton Seaman Reservoir. In my opinion, this decision is more about securing Fort Collins' clean water future than Greeley's. We will no longer be a competitor to Fort Collins for that clean water once we commit Greeley to using groundwater. Expect a big exodus of the Greeley population to Fort Collins if Terry Ranch becomes part of Greeley's water inventory. It is easy to say that we will treat the uranium in the groundwater to 0. It is another thing, and about \$20 million dollars a year, to do it. But uranium is not the only threat to the Terry Ranch groundwater. There is the threat due to fracking, sewage sludge on the recharge area, and the TCE spill identified and being monitored by the USACE which could become a Superfund Site. USACE has enlarged its monitoring area south to the northern border of Terry Ranch. The aquifer below the Terry Ranch extends into Wyoming. Aquifers are not like having a concrete reservoir with rebar to hold it together. They are full of fissures and lenses and different types of rock with different porosities. The water can go wherever it wants. You cannot contain it to just to the area you prefer. I know that the staff and water board have made light of all of these concerns of the citizens. They reference their consultants who have also dismissed these concerns. These same consultants wouldn't also have a financial interest in seeing that this project gets done would they? And some of you who are voting to approve this deal...you wouldn't be setting yourselves up to receive cheap water credits from Wingfoot would you? This whole deal just smells bad. The council hasn't even read the financial agreement, and undoubtedly wouldn't understand it if they did. I don't think you would sign a deal like this if your personal finances were involved. I bet most of you have children. How can you even conceive of doing this to our future generations? Please don't do this to Greeley! We love our city. The reason many of us live in Colorado, and specifically Greeley, is for its clean water. And I don't care what you may believe or say about this Terry Ranch deal, it will forever change the public's perception of Greeley, in a negative way. You think the odor problem was bad, this will be so much worse. At least we could move the dairies out of town. What will you do when Terry Ranch proves to be much more contaminated than you ever imagined? This will all be on you, council. You will be wearing the albatross. Don't even bother blaming the staff. They will all be gone by then. But you will live in the history books forever! Please keep Greeley's water clean. Please vote no on Terry Ranch!!

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From: Roy Otto
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Jessica Diagana
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Vote on March 2 Terry Ranch



Roy H. Otto
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From: John Gates <John.Gates@Greeleygov.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Roy Otto <Roy.Otto@Greeleygov.com>; Sean Chambers <Sean.Chambers@Greeleygov.com>; Adam Jokerst <Adam.Jokerst@Greeleygov.com>; Harold Evans <harold@evansmanagement.com>
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FYI

John Gates
Mayor
City of Greeley

Begin forwarded message:

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To: John Gates <John.Gates@greeleygov.com>, Thomas Butler <Tommy.Butler@greeleygov.com>, Brett Payton <Brett.Payton@greeleygov.com>, Michael Fitzsimmons <Michael.Fitzsimmons@greeleygov.com>, Edward Clark <Ed.Clark@greeleygov.com>, Kristin Zasada <Kristin.Zasada@greeleygov.com>, Dale Hall <Dale.Hall@greeleygov.com>
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February 24th, 2021

To:

Honorable Mayor Gates
Council Member Tommy Butler, Ward I
Council Member Brett Payton, Ward II
Council Member Michael Fitzsimmons, Ward III
Council Member Dale Hall, Ward IV
Council Member Kristin Zasada, At Large
Council Member Ed Clark, At Large
Roy Otto, City Manager of Greeley, Colorado

Greetings,

It is with heartfelt sincerity, that I add my support to the proposed Terry Ranch Project!

I am very grateful that our Waterboard as well as you all, for completing your diligence on investigating if this is indeed a viable project.

I think this is a very appealing alternative to our Milton Seaman project. To think back, even when I was on city Council, there would be one issue after another with the Corps. of Engineers wanting us to complete or mitigate something. (I think in my time it was the endangered jumping mouse). Time and time again they would come back with something we needed to complete for us to receive our permit. After the tune of millions of dollars.., in my heart, I firmly believe they will never issue us a permit, even though we went through the proper channels of Process.

- I find the Terry Ranch Project attractive because it is exclusively for Greeley!
- Uranium will be removed for usage, just as it is currently being done for our drinking water currently
- No “water rights” are sold (please note “credits” for economic development is different)
- There are no active oil wells in area & a very low impact on our environment.
- Being a NON-tributary, this is not hydraulically connected to any surface streams
- This project will help keep citizens water rates low.
- I’m very impressed with the transparency and the willingness to answer any question that comes to mind by the citizens of Greeley.
- This project is done in stages, if re-evaluating needs to take place
- Aquifer storage is thinking ahead much like W.D. Farr did in his time to ensure water for future generations, now it is our turn to ensure it for our children’s children.

In my morning meditation, it was coincidental, it took me to Genesis, that Joseph had a dream to store food for an upcoming famine. We to must “store” water for future, Greeleyites to thrive on.

With great respect and appreciation for looking after your constituent’s future,

Sandi Elder
Former Greeley City Council Member
Community Advocate

Please feel free to contact me if needed.
(970) 810-2802 office
(970) 310-8652 cell



Home Builders Association of Northern Colorado
1907 N Boise Ave., Unit 1
Loveland, CO 80538

February 17, 2021

Subject: NoCo HBA supports the Terry Ranch Project

Dear Mayor Gates:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 907-830-9139.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nikki Giordano'.

Nikki Giordano
Executive Officer

cc: Greeley City Council



February 25, 2021

Members of the Greeley City Council & Mayor John Gates
City Clerk's Office
1000 10th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

Subject – Support for the City of Greeley's Terry Ranch Project

Dear Council Members & Mayor Gates:

On behalf of HighPoint Resources, I am writing to express our support for the Terry Ranch Project. Greeley has long been recognized for its foresight and innovation in securing water resources to meet the City's needs, and the Terry Ranch Project is just the latest expression of this spirit of innovation. This project will allow Greeley to continue to provide the water needed for residents and industry alike while keeping the water rates low and ensuring reliable back-up supply needed during drought years.

As a proud member of the greater Greeley-area business community, HighPoint Resources recognizes the critical role that abundant and inexpensive water will continue to play in growth of businesses and residences throughout the area. We commend the City of Greeley for pursuing an innovative project such as this and whole-heartedly support the Terry Ranch Project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 970-270-2853 or ddennison@hpres.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Dennison", written over a light gray circular background.

Doug Dennison
Director of Community Affairs

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Feb. 26, 2021

Members, Greeley City Council
1000 10th St.
Greeley, CO 80631

Dear Members:

What a wonderful opportunity awaits you next week, to make a historic investment in this city's security and growth, not unlike the legacy of your forebears, who successfully engineered a practical way to divert high country water to the Great American Desert.

I write as chair of the Greeley Area Chamber's Local Government and Business Affairs Committee, which has followed the Terry Ranch project for months; find convincing the financial, environmental, and political arguments in its favor; and consequently, recommended its approval to the Chamber Board. Council has heard from several of our members independently, bringing valuable, relevant business perspective to your deliberation. Now we are eager to see it through.

At your public hearing Tuesday night, March 2, you will hear from skeptical, fearful voices warning you of grave consequences of this new venture into aquifer storage and recovery that, while common in the west, was "too quickly" or "too thoughtlessly" or "too conveniently" brought to the table to stand scrutiny. With all due respect, ladies and gentlemen, they are wrong.

In fact, our advisory group of experienced, deliberative, collaborative volunteers are mightily impressed by the sustained due diligence demonstrated by city staff, outside consultants, and your Water and Sewer Board. Further we acknowledge the deep and unflagging sense of personal responsibility demonstrated by City Manager Roy Otto, Major John Gates, and Water Board Chair Harold Evans. LGBAC, as the Chamber Board of Directors, is not only satisfied by, but deeply grateful, for the critical thinking, problem solving, and evident professionalism that underlies the opportunity before you now.

Terry Ranch is a once in a generation, if not lifetime, opportunity to secure the City of Greeley's investment in a precious natural resource that can accommodate current users and projected users safely, efficiently, and affordably for decades to come. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this proud, historic exercise of public stewardship.

Cordially,

Lou Cartier
Chair, Local Government and Business Affairs Committee
Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce

Jessica Diagana

From: CityClerks
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Jessica Diagana
Subject: FW: Support of Terry Ranch Project

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Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 8:44 AM
To: CityClerks <CityClerks@Greeleygov.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Terry Ranch Project

Greeley City Council members –

This email is to confirm my support of the Terry Ranch project.

Verniece Thomas
Vice-chair, Local Government Business Affairs Committee

Embrace the day!

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February 24, 2021

Ray Tschillard, Director
Poudre Learning Center
8313 West F Street
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The Honorable John Gates
Mayor, City of Greeley
1000 10th Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Mr. Harold Evans, Chairman
Greeley Water and Sewer Board
1000 10th Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Re: Terry Ranch Aquifer Proposal

Dear Mayor Gates:

I am writing today on behalf of the Poudre Learning Center (PLC), expressing our enthusiastic support of the City of Greeley's Terry Ranch Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project which is currently under consideration. As you know, the PLC is an educational facility focused on the use of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) principles in shepherding stewardship of our natural resources. With current and future projected population growth along the Northern Front Range, it is essential for communities to exercise wisdom in planning for the future, with planning based strongly on STEM methodologies, the key to protecting finite natural resources, including limited water supplies. There are no cheap or easy solutions for solving Front Range Water needs, waiting to act will result in fewer options at higher costs, so acting now for Greeley's future is crucial. STEM analysis on the Terry Ranch proposal has been completed and thoroughly vetted, and from that work it is clear that implementation of the project will successfully further the City of Greeley's long legacy in innovative and cost-effective water planning!

While it is necessary to plan for future demand now, in securing additional water Greeley must exercise absolute care and due diligence! In analyzing this proposal, City staff has conducted a thorough, detailed evaluation using STEM methodologies focused on current science, gathering over 7,000 pertinent data points, testing the benefits and challenging potential limiting factors. The findings have been peer reviewed by independent third-party consultants, verifying the STEM analysis, confirming the yields, calculating that projected withdrawals/recharge rates are viable, that harvested water can be treated to accepted State and Federal water quality standards, that water can be conveyed and transferred effectively using engineered designs as specified and that project costs and remuneration rates are realistic, fair and equitable, while fulfilling the standards of Colorado water law. The analysis and documents for the project proposal are openly available for inspection by the public on the City of Greeley web site. Dr. William Hoyt, PLC Board President and Professor Emeritus of Oceanography, University of Northern Colorado, conducted an independent review of the proposal and published findings in an opinion piece in the Greeley Tribune, noting that the science presented for the project is solid. While others have expressed concerns about the Terry Proposal, a search of their web site

indicates speculative findings contradicted by the facts presented in the volumes of data compiled by the City.

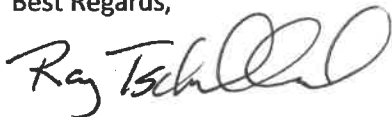
Although the yield on this project is estimated at 1.2 million acre-feet with additional storage capability, the primary purpose for Terry Ranch water will be supplementary supply to be used to cover drought deficits. In essence the Terry Ranch will be a savings account for water, withdrawn as needed and replenished in times of surplus. Carefully managed under this strategy the Terry Ranch water can be managed in perpetuity, continuing to be available long into Greeley's future.

Critical to PLC's mission of stewarding natural resources, the implementation of the Terry Ranch Project is the preferred alternative as it will eliminate the need for proposed expansion of the Milton Seaman Reservoir dam and footprint, a costly project that if implemented would have serious negative impacts on riparian habitat and wildlife use and movement corridors along the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River. In its long-range plan The City of Greeley speaks eloquently, that in managing for future needs and growth we have an absolute obligation to protect essential natural resources, the lands and waters in our watershed. The Terry Ranch Proposal is responsibly designed, economically practical, with the least negative impacts to fish, wildlife, habitat and lands, and for these reasons the Poudre Learning Center supports the Terry Ranch aquifer acquisition project!

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of service as the Terry Ranch Project moves forward!

Finally, we would like to thank Harold Evans, Chairman of the Greeley Water and Sewer Board, for taking his time and energy to provide an informative program on the Terry project for PLC staff and volunteers! We are blessed in Greeley with legions of people ready, willing and able to support the PLC and the City of Greeley in innumerable projects, and Harold is always at the front of the line to pitch in and help. Thanks again to Harold, we value his support!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Tschillard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" being more prominent than the last name "Tschillard".

Ray Tschillard

CC: Sean Chambers, Director, Greeley Water and Sewer

Mayor John Gates and City Council

Filling Lake Loveland could eliminate need for Terry Ranch water

The Greeley Tribune article of February 24, 2021 regarding Lake Loveland water levels is very timely and illustrates why the Boyd Lake treatment plant needs to be upgraded to year around use now. As explained in the article, there needs to be a year around user to meet new State regulations. All that Greeley needs to do is upgrade the Boyd Lake treatment plant for year around use and problem is solved. By making the Greeley/Loveland irrigation water a reliable source of potable drinking water it would help multiple communities out by putting their Water to beneficial use. First, Greeley would have enough water to fully develop its potential without having to invest in Terry Ranch as a backup system. City of Evans' water portfolio would now easily satisfy their current needs as they own a substantial amount Greeley/Loveland water that is being totally under utilized (as does Greeley). City of Milliken would benefit as well from year around use as they also own shares of Greeley/Loveland Irrigation water. Loveland would benefit from a fuller reservoir. It would take some type of joint venture between them to make this work. Loveland could help by keeping contaminated street water from their streets out of Lake Loveland Boyd lake and/or paying some of the treatment costs and Evans and Milliken assist with cost of plant changes.

Our water department will need the encouragement of City Council to implement such a plan as the Water Department has been unwilling to do so recently. I believe the citizens of Greeley would prefer a plan like this over the redundant drought protection of Terry Ranch. This would be money well spent to benefit of many with almost immediate results.

I could see W D Farr supporting this approach to Greeley's water issues.

Jack Schneider



February 18, 2021

Mayor Gates & City Council Members
1000 10th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

RE: Terry Ranch Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

Dear Mayor Gates and City Council Members:

The Greeley Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board appreciates the recent presentation from City Water Department staff regarding the proposed Terry Ranch project. We found the information to be thorough, insightful and transparent. Many of the questions we had were answered with confident assurance both in the due diligence in exploring this project and in the commitment to maintaining a high level of water quality in our city.

The DDA Board agrees with the State Demographer's growth projections and knows that adequate infrastructure, and water resources are essential to the sustainable growth of Greeley. We understand that the project offers drought proof diversity to the city's water portfolio. It will ensure that Greeley has reliable, resilient water assets, ample for serving our city long into the future. We know that water is scarce and expensive in Northern Colorado, as we have learned from recent residential redevelopment projects in our district.

Notwithstanding the benefits, the DDA Board is aware of the low levels of natural uranium in the Terry Ranch water but feel confident in the professional engineering reports and pilot project demonstration that uranium can be removed far below the EPA requirements to below the limits of detection after treatment. The city's current treatment process of all sources of water for a variety of pathogens, metals and other contaminants before the water is safe for our community gives us confidence that this process will be no different.

The DDA appreciates the scalable nature of the project as proposed and the ability to minimize rate impacts to our residents and businesses. The fact that this project can be permitted, constructed and developed in phases as the demand for its water and storage grow is a real attribute that will serve our community's best interests. Further, we are excited to hear that this project does not replace our existing rights or systems but adds to them and makes use of existing infrastructure. Our stakeholders are proud of Greeley's water history and heritage and remain optimistic about how the Terry Ranch aquifer storage and supply project could build upon that legacy.

On Behalf of the DDA Board,

Phil Grizzle, DDA Board Chairman

John A. Kolanz
221 North 55th Avenue
Greeley, Colorado 80634

February 26, 2021

Mayor Gates and City Councilmembers
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Via Email

RE: Terry Ranch Project

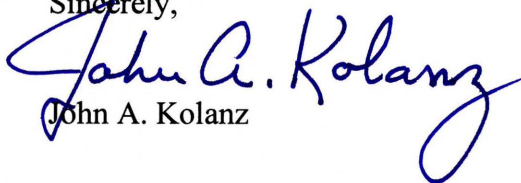
Honorable Mayor Gates and Councilmembers:

As former legal counsel to the Water and Sewer Department, I was directly involved for years with efforts to secure high-quality reliable water sources to meet Greeley's future water needs. I understand the challenges presented by the intense competition for water in the region, and the difficulties in taking an infrastructure project through local, state, and federal permitting processes.

Terry Ranch appears to be an implementable and cost-effective project that can meet Greeley's water needs for the foreseeable future. It is essentially a storage vessel the size of Blue Mesa Reservoir that comes pre-filled. It also presents far less of a permitting burden than most storage projects of this magnitude. I am confident that the thorough diligence process overseen by the Water and Sewer Board and Department staff will ensure that the project functions as anticipated, and reliably produces water of the quality that Greeley citizens have come to expect.

I urge the Council to vote in favor of this project. It will help ensure a prosperous future for the City and reaffirm Greeley's leadership in the Colorado water community.

Sincerely,


John A. Kolanz

cc: Roy H. Otto, City Manager (via email)
Harold G. Evans, Chairman, Water & Sewer Board

February 22, 2021

Terry Ranch

I just finished reviewing the staff's and consultant's report on the Terry Ranch project. I was very encouraged to see we are still thinking outside the box.

One of the greatest treasures Greeley has is our Water Board with years of experience and highly dedicated individuals. Having served on the Greeley City Council for nine years I have the greatest respect for our Water Board. They are all highly respected community professionals with years of experience and dedication to our community. W D Farr gets much deserved credit for foresight of our water development, but he passed the torch to some incredibly talented individuals who share his vision for our future growth. With a population that is likely to double by the year 2060, we need to continue to meet our water needs. The Greeley Water Board does not get paid for their service, they just have a great love and dedication for the community they live in.

Over the past 20 years, Greeley has spent over \$20,000,000 in permitting fees trying to expand our reservoir capacity with little progress. Working with federal and state bureaucracies is like trying to coax water uphill, or so it seems.

The Terry Ranch Project seems like an incredible opportunity to meet water requirements for generations to come. It is obvious to me that the Water Board and Staff did their homework on this Project. As a community we should thank everyone involved for their dedication.

On the surface, this looks like the greatest water improvement since the Big Thompson Project.

In my opinion, it would be a mistake for the Greeley City Council not to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Finn

February 24, 2021

Greeley City Council
1000 10th Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631
RE: Letter of Support for the Terry Ranch Project

Dear City of Greeley Council Members:

I am writing this letter to voice my support for the Terry Ranch Project. There are many reasons for my support, including the continuance of Greeley's legacy of being the leading innovators of water protection and supply, good stewards of the citizen's financial resources and keeping our efforts local. Greeley's water supply management is a crown jewel for us and has left us in a position where we can continue to plan smartly and thoroughly. Rather than being forced to make rash decisions that cost significantly more, produce poor results, and relies on other entities with conflicting interests, our leaders have found a better way. By approving the Terry Ranch Project, Greeley's future generations will continue to say these things about our era's innovative approach to acquisition and storage.

The ability to acquire the 1.2 million acre feet is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I do not think people can really wrap their minds around. This amount of water ensures Greeley's water supply for many, many generations to come. Almost as important and impressive is the fact that this water is stored within an isolated aquifer. This not only protects the available water, but also eliminates loss due to evaporation. This saving of the evaporative loss combined with the innovative purchase method is truly remarkable and honors Greeley's legacy while taking care to protect its citizen's resources.

The essentially, "pay as you go" financial agreement is one that is quite creative and looks out for the citizens of Greeley. Unfortunately, Greeley has been dragged through the wringer trying to permit the expansion of Milton Seaman Reservoir over the years. The continued studies, evaluations, legal battles etc.... have cost the City millions to no avail. The Terry Ranch Project is something that should be looked at as environmentally friendly and with the water laws applying differently to this source than surface water laws, the time and cost to put into operation will be dramatically reduced. The project's elevation is higher than that of Greeley's which will allow gravity flows into town. Much better than having to pump it most of the way. The lines from the project are also all within Weld County borders which is a very significant thing.

As seen in countless news articles, the city in the Denver Metro area that has been buying Northern Colorado farms in order get the water that comes with them, has been having a heck of a time getting easements from the county with different interest from their own. This project keeps it local. The City of Greeley and Weld County have common interests lending itself to true cooperation.

This opportunity is so unique, impactful and unprecedented, I cannot think of a reason why one could appose it. I understand Colorado water rights can be confusing which could leave many to write it off as "too expensive". However, to pass this opportunity by would be hundreds of times more costly. Another opportunity like this will not come again. I strongly urge you to vote in support of this project and keep Greeley in position to grow sensibly and safely.

Sincerely,



Tim Pike

Jessica Diagana

From: CityClerks
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Jessica Diagana
Subject: FW: Terry Ranch Project

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From: Randy Watkins <watkinsrl@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 6:03 AM
To: CityClerks <CityClerks@Greeleygov.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terry Ranch Project

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council for Greeley, Colorado,

Good morning and thank you for taking the time to read my note. I believe that you are scheduled on Tuesday, March 2, to vote whether to move forward with the Terry Ranch Project. As a Greeley native, born in Weld County General Hospital, and a lifelong resident of this great city, I have appreciated the great lengths our city leaders have taken in the past to ensure we, as citizens, have reliable and safe (and tasty) water.

I have taken the time to understand as much as I am able about the pros and cons, and the positive and potentially negative outcomes of this project. Based on everything I have read, and have learned from the videos and discussions with others, I can see no potentially negative outcome, or con, to this project that would even remotely out way the long-term positive impact this will have on our current and future community.

I have two young daughters, who will no doubt witness the great things to come to Greeley in the future. I believe we will see unimaginable growth, in a positive way, and this source of water and water storage will ensure that my girls, and their future families, will have the safe, reliable and tasty water that I've enjoyed for my 44 years.

I just wanted you all to know that I support you in your decision to vote to move forward with the Terry Ranch Project, and would be happy to publicly declare that as well.

Again, I genuinely appreciate your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,
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