

# Water & Sewer Agenda Summary

Date: April 20, 2022

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**Title:** *Ratify Participating Agreement with the U.S Forest Service for Cameron Peak Fire Mitigation Work*

## **Summary:**

The 2020 Cameron Peak Fire burned over 200,000 acres in the watersheds of the Cache la Poudre and Big Thompson River basins where Greeley obtains more than 50% of its water supplies. The major wildfire is the state's largest on record and severely burned areas include both public and private properties. This fire significantly affected hundreds of thousands of acres of watersheds that are of critical importance for the domestic, agricultural, and municipal water supplies for over one million people and tens of thousands of acres of productive irrigated agriculture. The damage to these watersheds continues to pose immediate and future threats to public infrastructure serving communities across Larimer and Weld Counties, including but not limited to water supply diversions and storage infrastructure. The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to implement watershed recovery and restoration in and adjacent to lands affected by the Cameron Peak Fire and includes an initial reimbursement of \$6,000,000 to Greeley for this mitigation work. This agreement is being recommended for approval to City Council on April 19, 2022. This is coming before the Board for ratification.

## **Recommended Action:**

Ratification of Participating Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for Cameron Peak Fire Mitigation Work

## **Attachments:**

Participating Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for Cameron Peak Fire Mitigation Work

Financial Plan

Scope of Work

2022 Work Plan