

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ABSOLUTE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS, INCLUDING
STORAGE OF SURFACE AND GROUND WATER**

Please take notice that the City of Fort Collins claims absolute water rights in several structures located in Larimer County, as described below, including storage of surface and ground water, and will be seeking adjudication of these rights in the Division One Water Court based on a December 2014 filing.

1) Homestead Pond (aka Woodward Pond), located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 12 Township 7 North, Range 69 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 1/15/2014. Amount: 6.12 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 6.12 acre-feet. Surface Area: 2.16 acres.

2) Big Pond (aka Prospect North Pond), located in the S1/2 of Section 17, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 4/1/1983. Amount: 75.77 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 75.77 acre-feet. Surface Area: 38.25 acres.

3) Milne Ponds (aka Milne Pits), located in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 17, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 10/25/1988. Amount: 35.26 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 35.26 acre-feet. Surface Area: 9.0 acres.

4) Artist Point Pond (aka Wren Pits), located in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 9/16/1996. Amount: 10.50 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 10.50 acre-feet. Surface Area: 20.2 acres.

5) Pelican Pond, located in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 9/16/1996. Amount: 28.08 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 28.08 acre-feet. Surface Area: 9.0 acres.

6) Running Deer Pond (aka Resource Recovery Farm), located in the W1/2 of the SE1/4, the E1/2 of the SW1/4, and the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 21, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 10/2/1979. Amount: 9.36 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 9.36 acre-feet. Surface Area: 6.24 acres.

7) Shields Pit, located in the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 33, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 2/21/2014. Amount: 148.83 acre-feet, absolute. Capacity: 148.83 acre-feet. Surface Area: 24.23 acres.

8) Port of Entry Pit, located in the E1/2 of Section 28 and the W1/2 of Section 27, Township 7 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. Appropriation date: 7/15/2014. Amount: 38.9 acre-feet. Capacity: 38.9 acre-feet. Surface Area: 17 acres.

The structures described herein are all unlined gravel mining pits that have been, or are in the process of being, reclaimed. They are off-channel structures that fill by ground water infiltration from the alluvium of the Cache La Poudre River and capture of surface runoff inflows. These structures do not have specific fill ditches or dams. Fort Collins claims the right to fill and continuously refill these structures in accordance with their priorities. The surface areas and

capacities described are estimates based on available information at the time of this notice. The actual surface areas at the high water line may be larger or smaller. Fort Collins will use the water rights for the following beneficial uses: recreation, aesthetic, fishing, maintenance of wildlife and wildlife habitat, including piscatorial use, preservation of wetland areas and plant species, storage, augmentation, replacement, evaporation, and maintenance of ponds as natural areas, including the right to fill and continuously refill as depletions occur in accordance with the priorities for the structures. The uses will occur at and around the location of the ponds.

Additional information can be obtained from Fort Collins by calling Daylan Figgs at 970-416-2814.