

Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) Discussion Meeting

August 31, 2017

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Northern Water, 220 Water Ave, Berthoud

Meeting Notes

Attendees: *City of Fort Collins*: Carol Webb, John Stokes, Adam Jokerst, Jennifer Shanahan, Katherine Martinez, Jill Oropeza (by phone). *Northern Water*: Esther Vincent, Jerry Gibbens, Brad Wind.

AGENDA

- Updated NISP Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (Northern Water)
 - Changes requested by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Staff at recent meeting
 - Goal of City staff to learn and understand changes to the proposed plan as a result of the first round of comments.
- Water Quality (tabled to a future meeting)
- Future Discussion Topics

Updated Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan: Revisions

Base Flows

- City staff shared their concerns about the CPW revised mitigation plan and not reaching minimum flows under conveyance refinement until full buildout of the project.
- The group discussed the conveyance refinement approach and the implications of how it is operated on minimum streamflows through Fort Collins.
- The group also discussed possible alternatives to the commitment of conveying a minimum of 35% total yield in the early years of the project and the restrictions on providing base flows as the project fills.

Peak Flows

- Northern discussed the changes they made to Tier 2 and Tier 3 flow management in the CPW plan
- Northern committed to curtailing all South Platte Water Conservation Project exchanges for three days every year.
- Northern committed to curtailing Grey Mountain water rights in all Tier 2 years. Not all Tier 2 year's will have full bypass and not all will have full three days of bypass.
- The group discussed peak flows and the three-day bypass and potential options for achieving a full bypass rather than just curtailment.

Water Quality

Tabled to next meeting

Other Questions/Comments on Plan Updates

- Adaptive Management
 - Listed in Enhancement section of Plan
 - Northern Water committed to 20 years following full buildout (defined as a period following full or nearly full storage in Glade Reservoir and Galeton Reservoir,

and the consistent delivery of full or nearly full NISP yield to a majority of the NISP participants for a period of 5 years)

- Committed to Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW) program
- Northern Water will be involved in water quality and environmental needs within the upper Poudre basin and in the Poudre River for the life of the project
- Financial Commitment
 - Northern Water will modify the financial commitment in Table 13 to \$50,000 per year over 35 years (assuming 5 years prior to fill, 5 years during fill, 5 years for buildout demands, 20 years of Adaptive Management) for monitoring through Adaptive Management Committee (it was not updated based on the increased level of commitment proposed in Draft Final)
 - Separate commitment for Water Quality Monitoring

Future Discussion Topics

- Water Quality
- Water Quality Monitoring
- State of the Poudre River Report

Next Meeting

- TBD: Schedule meeting after the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) September 20 meeting or early October.
- Separate meeting on Water Quality before then (schedule for the third week in September).