

**Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) Discussion**  
**Northern Water, 220 Water Avenue, Berthoud**  
**March 7, 2018**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** *Northern Water:* Brad Wind, Jerry Gibbens, Esther Vincent, Carl Brouwer, Judy Billica, Andy Pineda. *City of Fort Collins:* Adam Jokerst, Jill Oropeza, John Stokes, Jen Shanahan, Katherine Martinez.

**1. Changes in Roles and Responsibilities (Northern Water and City)**

- a. Fort Collins: Team is the same; project lead is now Adam Jokerst instead of John Stokes. Jen Shanahan is co-lead.
- b. Northern: Team is the same. Jerry Gibben's new role is Assistant General Manager – Operations Division. New general manager being hired; will know in next two to three weeks.

**2. Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Schedule and Comment Period**

- a. FEIS expected in late May or early June.
- b. Public comment period TBD
  - i. Fort Collins will likely request extension due to time needed for staff review of new water quality information.
  - ii. If public comment period is short, Northern wouldn't object to extension request.
  - iii. Fort Collins plans to issue comments; preparing now. Focusing on specific mitigation measures and altered NISP operations.
- c. Fort Collins asked how new mitigation measures would be presented in FEIS
  - i. Northern unsure how U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present new information.
- d. Fort Collins desires information related to geomorphic and flushing flows analysis data presented in Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (FWMEP).
  - i. Data is available from Corps. Fort Collins submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to obtain.

**3. 401 Certification Timeframe**

- a. Northern moving forward with schedule to submit its 401 application in September.
  - i. Public comment period is 30 days
  - ii. Deadline for decision is one year from date of application
  - iii. No Water Quality Commission hearing. Decision stays within the Division.

**4. Status of Project Design**

- a. Northern finished preliminary design of Glade Reservoir area.
- b. Northern will provide City preliminary design report; available in coming months.
- c. Now in design refinement and analysis phase.
- d. Final design scheduled to be completed in 2019.
- e. Conveyance Refinement. Question from Fort Collins how that water will be delivered to river and if water will be delivered to Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PVP)
  - i. NISP plans to discharge to river near location where the PVP crosses

- ii. Connection to PVP can only be made with agreement of PVP participants as specified in PVP allotment contract.

**5. Water Quality Monitoring Efforts: Coordination and Cost Sharing/Opportunity to Formalize Water Quality Data Sharing Group**

- a. Northern does a lot of monitoring and continues to do so, and staff believes it makes sense to share data and efforts with Fort Collins.
  - i. Fort Collins was interested early on in coordinating, but the opportunity didn't materialize; Fort Collins staff doesn't see a need at this point to change because Fort Collins' current monitoring meets its business needs.
  - ii. Northern needs to begin planning soon if the two organizations are to share costs, due to time needed to coordinate.
  - iii. Additional discussion needed. Fort Collins needs more detail before deciding.
  - iv. Decision to park this topic for now.

**6. Poudre River Transition Zone Temperature Regulations**

- a. Temperature Zone Work Group. Northern asked what level of participation is anticipated by Fort Collins. Fort Collins plans to request Party status; topic is of significant concern. Fort Collins planning to participate in hearings later this year.
- b. Key players in Transition Zone discussion: Greeley, Fort Collins, Trout Unlimited, State of Colorado, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- c. Northern's perspective: Fort Collins seemed to have lack of interest in collaborating in preparing white papers.
- d. Fort Collins: reason is lack of capacity, not lack of interest. Will re-evaluate participation request to determine if it aligns with City's priorities around this topic.
- e. Decision to park this topic for now.

**7. Potential Next Steps Toward Developing an Approach to a Consolidated Poudre River Mitigation and Enhancement Plan**

- a. Fort Collins: continues to have concerns with NISP impacts. Primary focus is addressing concerns in the near-term, before Record of Decision (ROD) is issued.
- b. Northern would like collaboration in long-term river monitoring and adaptive management. Primary focus is long-term, after ROD is issued.
- c. Fort Collins agrees that long-term collaborative approach is needed and will benefit the river. Identified need to formulate potential organizational structures.
- d. Suggestion to provide Northern with a list of Fort Collins primary concerns to help create more pragmatic discussion.
  - i. Primary concerns outlined in comments on FWMEP
- e. Northern: Suggestion to take a couple of weeks to review information and suggest next steps. Attendees agreed.

**8. Follow-Up Meetings**

- a. Fort Collins: Suggestion to schedule meetings focusing on specific topics such as peak flows, adaptive management, etc.