

Resolution of Support
Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP)
By Southwestern Water Conservation District

As resolution of support for the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP), which will provide 40,000 acre-feet of water for 15 municipalities and water districts representing more than 200,000 residents in Northern Colorado.

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Water Conservation District was established by the Colorado State Legislature in 1941 for the purposes of planning and development of water supplies in southwestern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Water Conservation District recognizes and supports the development of sustainable supplies to meet the future needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado is an arid region with periodic droughts and must carefully manage, conserve and reuse water; and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado continues to grow and the area served by NISP is projected to need more than 40,000 acre-feet additional water supply by 2025; and

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of water is essential for the economy, and sustainable growth, and quality of life for residents of the state and Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, NISP will be a major economic development opportunity of Northern Colorado, infusing approximately \$490 million from the project's participants; and

WHEREAS, NISP is essential to the preservation of agriculture, the farm economy, and the open space of Northern Colorado. Recognizing that without the development of NISP, there is a risk of dry-up of 60,000 acres of existing agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, NISP will divert to storage and subsequent use, hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water currently leaving the state over and above its legal and Compact requirements; and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado must share its limited water resources for use by residents, businesses, agriculture producers, and recreation. NISP encourages cooperation among water agencies, municipalities, farmers, and rural interests to protect supplies and water quality; and

WHEREAS, NISP uses only in-basin supplies to meet Eastern Slope needs, which includes Glade Reservoir northwest of Fort Collins and Galetton Reservoir east of Ault as off-stream reservoirs minimizing environmental impacts on flow conditions on main stem rivers; and

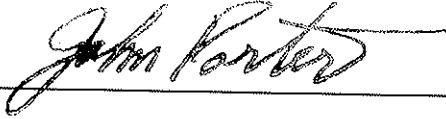
WHEREAS, the Southwestern Water Conservation District supports the development of in-basin water resources on the Eastern Slope to meet future demands as an alternative to additional supplies being diverted from the Colorado River system; and

WHEREAS, NISP is currently undergoing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, with more than eight years of planning and over \$6 million invested in the design and environmental suitability; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Water Conservation District believes that with the development and cooperative management of NISP, existing low flow conditions at certain times can be mitigated.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved the Southwestern Water Conservation District supports the Northern Integrated Supply Project, and encourages its permitting and construction to move forward.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

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Title: President, Southwestern Water Conservation District