

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: July 10, 2013

Board Item: V-E-2

Intergovernmental Agreement for the South Platte River Trail Contract15024A

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Denver Water and South Adams County Water and Sanitation District (South Adams) began purchasing property for the North Reservoir Complex in 1998. The properties acquired were active gravel mines with mining permits from Adams County that required the owners to establish recreational trails around the pits after mining was completed. As Denver Water and South Adams improved the properties for water storage, the development erased the former property lines and proposed trail locations. Adams County has recognized that creation of a trails network within the area is no longer possible, but has requested that Denver Water and South Adams consider allowing the South Platte River Trail to be extended along the west side of the reservoirs.

As the major construction for the reservoirs and required infrastructure in the vicinity of the proposed Trail is now nearly complete, an appropriate location for the trail has been identified. The trail would be located in a 30 foot easement along the west side of the North Reservoir Complex and would connect the existing South Platte River Trail with the Adams County Regional Park Trail System north of 120th Avenue (See Attached Aerial Photo). Adams County is responsible for the costs of constructing the trail. The trail project will include two bridges, one crossing the Bull Seep and the other across the South Platte River main channel.

Under the terms of the attached IGA, the Parties agree to the location of the trail along the west side of the North Reservoir Complex. Adams County agrees to: (1) reimburse Denver Water 1/3 of the construction costs of the First Creek Bridge; (2) convey back to Denver Water a small parcel of property originally part of the Eagles Roost Conservation Easement; and (3) construct a security fence between the proposed trail and the reservoirs, as well as construct fencing between the Trail and the two adjacent conservation easement areas. Because of the time and effort involved in acquiring the necessary construction funding, Adams County has requested that the Board approve the IGA at this time. The Adams County Board of County Commissioners approved the IGA at its June 24, 2013 meeting. South Adams will consider the Agreement at its July meeting.

Recommendation:

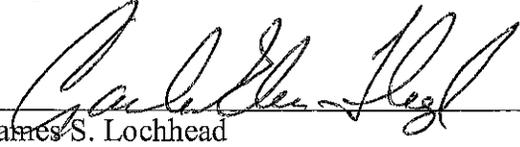
It is requested that the Board authorize execution of the attached IGA with Adams County for establishment of the South Platte Trail across the Board's Howe-Haller Reservoirs A, B, and Hazeltine properties.

Approvals:

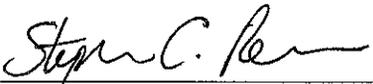
Respectfully submitted,



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