

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: February 24, 2010

Board Item: 2-A-3

Intergovernmental Agreement between Denver Water, the City of Lafayette, and the City of Boulder

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Denver Water has been working with the cities of Boulder and Lafayette (Cities) on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the creation of an Environmental Pool in an enlarged Gross Reservoir. The Environmental Pool will be created by adding six feet to the proposed 125-foot increase in the height of the dam, for a total raise of 131 feet. This raise will increase the storage of the enlarged Gross Reservoir by an additional 5,000 acre-feet, which will be reserved for storage of water rights owned by the Cities.

The Environmental Pool will be filled primarily during the run-off season of April through July. The water will be released during the winter months to help improve low streamflow conditions below Gross Reservoir in South Boulder Creek.

Denver Water estimates that it will cost \$8 million to raise Gross Reservoir an additional six feet. The Cities will pay \$4 million of this cost and Denver Water will pay the remaining amount.

The creation of this pool is proposed to serve as mitigation for all impacts the enlargement of Gross Reservoir would have on South Boulder Creek.

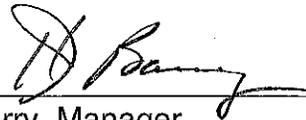
It is recommended that the Board approve the IGA.

Approvals:

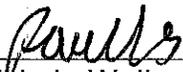


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