



MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Werner
Northern Water

FROM: Floyd Ciruli
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RE: NISP Update Meeting of March 25

DATE: March 26, 2009

The following were issues reviewed at the March 25 NISP update meeting.

1. The independent evaluation of the Healthy Rivers proposal of Save the Poudre is proceeding with a meeting with Ed Harvey, formerly of BBC.
2. The Larimer County Commission briefing went well. Jeff Drager, project manager, described the status of Chimney Hollow Reservoir to new commissioners Tom Donnelly and Steve Johnson. Questions related to NISP were also addressed.
3. After the Fort Collins municipal elections are decided on April 7, breakfasts and other meetings will be set up with Fort Collins business leaders. John Knezovich will assist.
4. The last three letters from NISP participants are being acquired. Dacono is in, Fort Lupton is underway. Fort Collins-Loveland will be acquired.
5. A strategy to receive an endorsement from all the newspapers in the NISP area has been set (6 are in, 9 to go, plus 2nd papers in Berthoud and Windsor). A draft letter is prepared. Assignments to follow-up will be made.

Endorsement Targets

Berthoud Recorder (1,300) (News Media)*
Eaton North Weld Herald (1,900)
Fort Collins Coloradoan (33,239) (Gannett)
Fort Lupton Times (5,041) (Landmark)
Frederick Farmer and Miner (7,467) (Landmark)
Johnstown Breeze (1,654)
Keenesburg South Weld Sun (1,000)
Kersey Central Weld Voice (3,000)
Windsor Beacon (10,197) (Gannett with Fort Collins Coloradoan)*

*Communities have smaller second papers

Endorsements Received

- Erie Review* (23,700)
- Fort Morgan Times* (11,755)
- Greeley Tribune* (25,669)
- Lafayette News* (3,600)
- Longmont Times-Call* (23,500)
- Loveland Reporter-Herald* (181,043)

6. A strategy to gather the endorsements of all the region’s chambers (2 are in, 13 to go). A draft letter will be prepared. A draft resolution of support has been prepared. Also, Upstate Colorado Economic Development will be targeted (Weld County). Assignments to follow-up will be made. In some cases, a chamber subcommittee will be the starting point.

<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u># of Members</u>
<u>Endorsement Targets</u>			
Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce	225 S. Meldrum St.	Fort Collins	1238
Loveland Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center	5400 Stone Creek Cir.	Loveland	825
Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce	528 Main St.	Longmont	700
Windsor Chamber of Commerce	421 Main St.	Windsor	430
Evans Chamber of Commerce	3700 Golden St.	Evans	300
Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce	8303 Colorado Blvd., Ste 203	Firestone	280
Erie Chamber of Commerce	235 Wells St.	Erie	210
Johnstown/Milliken Chamber of Commerce	112 E. S. First St.	Johnstown	190
Estes Park Chamber of Commerce	P.O. Box 1818	Estes Park	160
Berthoud Area Chamber of Commerce	345 Mountain Ave.	Berthoud	150
Fort Lupton Chamber of Commerce	321 Denver Ave.	Fort Lupton	83
South Central Weld Chamber of Commerce	P.O. Box 606	Platteville	60
Eaton Area Chamber of Commerce	1 Maple Ave.	Eaton	40
<u>Endorsements Received</u>			
Greeley Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau	902 Seventh Ave.	Greeley	750
Lafayette Chamber of Commerce	1290 S. Public Rd.	Lafayette	350

7. The May/June farm event planning will continue with the Farm Bureau lobbyists to start.

8. Brian will send:
 - a. Key points
 - b. PowerPoint
 - c. Brief description of recent speeches (Associated General Contractors, Weld County Republicans, Upstate Economic Development)
 - Any special issues
 - People of interest
 - Needed follow-up

Letter to Chamber for NISP Endorsement

Dear Chamber President,

The Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) is moving forward and its participants are strongly committed to the project's completion. We are hopeful that your chamber will endorse the project.

As you know, the project is undergoing an extensive environmental review by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, which should be completed in 2010. We remain confident that the project will receive the requested permit and move into its construction phase. That confidence has been reinforced by recent independent studies conducted by Black and Veatch, consultants who have determine that any perceived water quality problems can be easily addressed.

NISP is not only essential to the region's future – its economy, quality of life and agricultural sustainability – but will be a major economic development project for Northern Colorado, representing the area's largest construction project since the Colorado-Big Thompson.

We know the project has strong public support, but it also has a cadre of vocal critics. It is important to continue to build the base of support through the endorsement of the region's economic development and business leaders, and to encourage the government agencies involved to conduct their studies in an expeditious and fair-minded manner.

Your Chamber's endorsement will assist in that effort. Enclosed is a draft resolution of support, which can be used as a template. I will contact you to see when we can schedule a meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

March 26, 2009