



February 18, 2021

Mayor Gates & City Council Members  
1000 10th Street  
Greeley, CO 80631

**RE: Terry Ranch Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project**

Dear Mayor Gates and City Council Members:

The Greeley Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board appreciates the recent presentation from City Water Department staff regarding the proposed Terry Ranch project. We found the information to be thorough, insightful and transparent. Many of the questions we had were answered with confident assurance both in the due diligence in exploring this project and in the commitment to maintaining a high level of water quality in our city.

The DDA Board agrees with the State Demographer's growth projections and knows that adequate infrastructure, and water resources are essential to the sustainable growth of Greeley. We understand that the project offers drought proof diversity to the city's water portfolio. It will ensure that Greeley has reliable, resilient water assets, ample for serving our city long into the future. We know that water is scarce and expensive in Northern Colorado, as we have learned from recent residential redevelopment projects in our district.

Notwithstanding the benefits, the DDA Board is aware of the low levels of natural uranium in the Terry Ranch water but feel confident in the professional engineering reports and pilot project demonstration that uranium can be removed far below the EPA requirements to below the limits of detection after treatment. The city's current treatment process of all sources of water for a variety of pathogens, metals and other contaminants before the water is safe for our community gives us confidence that this process will be no different.

The DDA appreciates the scalable nature of the project as proposed and the ability to minimize rate impacts to our residents and businesses. The fact that this project can be permitted, constructed and developed in phases as the demand for its water and storage grow is a real attribute that will serve our community's best interests. Further, we are excited to hear that this project does not replace our existing rights or systems but adds to them and makes use of existing infrastructure. Our stakeholders are proud of Greeley's water history and heritage and remain optimistic about how the Terry Ranch aquifer storage and supply project could build upon that legacy.

On Behalf of the DDA Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Grizzle".

Phil Grizzle, DDA Board Chairman