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Terry Ranch

I just finished reviewing the staff's and consultant's report on the Terry Ranch project. I was very encouraged to see we are still thinking outside the box.

One of the greatest treasures Greeley has is our Water Board with years of experience and highly dedicated individuals. Having served on the Greeley City Council for nine years I have the greatest respect for our Water Board. They are all highly respected community professionals with years of experience and dedication to our community. W D Farr gets much deserved credit for foresight of our water development, but he passed the torch to some incredibly talented individuals who share his vision for our future growth. With a population that is likely to double by the year 2060, we need to continue to meet our water needs. The Greeley Water Board does not get paid for their service, they just have a great love and dedication for the community they live in.

Over the past 20 years, Greeley has spent over \$20,000,000 in permitting fees trying to expand our reservoir capacity with little progress. Working with federal and state bureaucracies is like trying to coax water uphill, or so it seems.

The Terry Ranch Project seems like an incredible opportunity to meet water requirements for generations to come. It is obvious to me that the Water Board and Staff did their homework on this Project. As a community we should thank everyone involved for their dedication.

On the surface, this looks like the greatest water improvement since the Big Thompson Project.

In my opinion, it would be a mistake for the Greeley City Council not to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Finn