

Fort Collins City Council to consider own review of Glade EIS

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The city is doing its homework on the proposed Northern Integrated Supply Project and reservoir building.

City Council will discuss tonight whether to use \$225,000 of prior year financial reserves to pay consultants and legal advisers to comb through the 702-page draft Environmental Impact Statement released last week on the proposed water storage project and the impact it will have on Fort Collins.

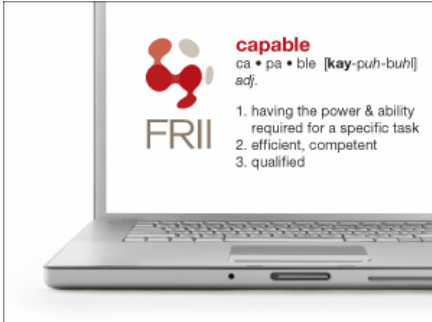
The project, which would in part construct a 170,000-acre-foot reservoir north of Ted's Place, would reduce the Poudre River's flow through Fort Collins by 71 percent in May and more than half as runoff peaks in June, according to the EIS completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"This is a pretty big deal and I think it's very important that we get a thorough analysis and good data on what this really means for Fort Collins," Mayor Doug Hutchinson said.

"I mean, look at the time and money the Corps spent doing the EIS. This is not a trivial issue. We need to have the facts right and be firm in our knowledge before taking a position as a city."

The Corps spent four years and about \$6 million to produce the EIS, which now will undergo a public comment period lasting many months.

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2. efficient, competent
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