

MEMO

To: Ana Arias, City of Fort Collins
From: Save The Poudre Board of Directors
Subject: Budgeting for Outcomes Enhancement Priorities
Date: May 21, 2014

The Board has reviewed the many offers in the seven categories of Budgeting for Outcomes Enhancement Offers and have ranked our priorities below and have the following comments. We are choosing to make recommendations for priorities in only the Environmental Health and Culture and Recreation categories because of our focus on the Cache La Poudre River.

Save The Poudre believes the offer 148.2 NISP Analysis under Environmental Health is of such critical importance to the future health and ecology of the Poudre River that we are not only making it our first priority but are “voting” for this offer as our first top three priorities.

However, while we believe this Offer should be fully funded, we also strongly encourage the city to refrain from spending any funds or staff time to work on NISP mitigation strategies. Instead, we encourage the city to take a strong position and use funding and staff time to formally oppose the permitting of NISP due to its documented highly destructive impacts upon the Poudre River’s flows, water quality and ecology.

Our other priorities are listed below with notes concerning the content of the offer for the 148.4 Instream Flow Water Resource Specialist and our detailed comments on the design plan for the Poudre River Downtown Project which were previously submitted and are attached.

Environmental Health

1. 148.2 NISP Analysis
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4. 148.4 Instream Flow Water Resource Specialist - if modified to support CWCB Instream Flow Program and “Poudre Runs Through It” legal and engineering groundwork
5. 148.1 Poudre River Restoration

Culture and Recreation

1. 21.1 Poudre River Downtown Project - with objections and changes noted in attached previous communication.

