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WINDSOR LOOKS AT ALTERNATIVES TO NISP

Delays, Cost Escalations Cause Town to "look at other options"

Fort Collins, CO -- As the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) and its destructive Glade Reservoir limps forward in the federal EIS process -- now over 5 years later and millions over budget with no end in sight -- Windsor has become another NISP participant to look for cheaper, faster alternatives.

At its Monday, March 15 worksession, the Windsor Town Board studied its future water supply. Mayor John Vazquez was quoted in the Windsor Beacon (newspaper):

"I know we're in the NISP (North Integrated Supply Project) pool for water shares," Vazquez said. "I do wonder though, with the delays in that project, whether that's truly going to be the biggest bang for our buck."

Vazquez said he felt the Windy Gap project, which will be constructed near Carter Lake, would be a better buy.

"I'm not saying we should abandon NISP but that we want to look at other options," he said.

The full story is

here: <http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20100320/WINDSORBEACON01/3200342/1131/Town-takes-a-look-at-future-water-supply>

"We encourage all NISP participants to look for alternatives to NISP," said Gary Wockner of Save The Poudre. "Our goal is to stop NISP and find ways for NISP participants to meet their water supply needs without draining and destroying Colorado's rivers, including the Poudre."

"We can virtually guarantee that further draining Colorado's rivers will not yield the 'biggest bang for the buck'," continued Wockner.

Save The Poudre has created the Healthy Rivers Alternative to the proposed NISP/Glade Reservoir, summarized here:

http://poudreriver.home.comcast.net/~poudreriver/Healthy_Rivers_Alternative.pdf

About Save The Poudre: Poudre Waterkeeper

Save The Poudre is made up of 17 national, state, and regional groups including: National Wildlife Federation, Waterkeeper Alliance, Clean Water Action, Defenders of Wildlife, American Rivers, American Association, Western Resource Advocates,

Colorado Environmental Coalition, Lighthawk, Environment Colorado, Sierra Club – Rocky Mountain Chapter, Fort Collins Audubon Society, Citizen Planners, Wolverine Farm Publishing, Poudre Paddlers, Friends of the Poudre, and the Cache la Poudre River Foundation. Membership in these groups totals over 3 million American citizens.