

Legislation Text

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Subject:

A resolution approving an agreement between the City of Littleton and The Greenway Foundation for participation in the Environmental Pool for conservation and restoration of the South Platte River

Presented By: Keith Reester, Public Works Director
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POLICY QUESTION:

Does city council support approval of an agreement contributing \$75,000 towards the conservation and restoration of the South Platte River?

BACKGROUND:

The 500 acre-foot environmental pool is owned by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The water rights to fill the pool will come from the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District which will also fund the operations and maintenance of the pool and capture and use the water for agricultural purposes downstream of Denver.

Flows in the South Platte River below Chatfield Reservoir will increase as a result of this project thanks to The Greenway Foundation, in partnership with Denver Water.

This project was initially presented to city council and discussed at a study session January 24, 2016.

Participating partners:

SPWG Member Entity	Acre-Feet Purchased	Committed Funding
Arapahoe County Open Space	15 acre-feet	\$112,500
Columbine Valley	1 acre-foot	\$7,500
City of Englewood	10 acre-feet	\$75,000
City of Littleton	10 acre-feet	\$75,000
City of Sheridan	3 acre-feet	\$22,500
South Metro Land Conservancy	1 acre-foot	\$7,500
SSPRD	10 acre-feet	\$75,000

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The additional water rights to supplement flows in the South Platte River will enhance the river corridor for recreational and wildlife uses.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

To approve, disapprove or ask for more information.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

One-time \$75,000 supporting contribution will come from open space funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the resolution approving an agreement between the City of Littleton and the Greenway Foundation for participation in the Environmental Pool for conservation and restoration of the South Platte River.