

**From:** [Seth Olson](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2018 8:45:47 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I respectfully request that you use all of your administrative, regulatory, and legal powers – including “1041 power” granted to counties by the state – to help stop Denver Water’s expansion of Gross Dam and Reservoir for the following reasons:

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3. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion would cost over \$400 million but won't provide meaningful benefits. In fact, despite the high cost and devastating impacts, the expansion of Gross Dam/Reservoir is not sufficient to meet the laundry list of needs that Denver Water proposes to address with the new Colorado River water. Other alternatives, such as increased water conservation spending and outreach, are dramatically cheaper, faster, easier, and make much more sense.
4. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion, by diverting an additional average of 5 billion gallons of water per year, would increase the negative impacts on the health of the Fraser and Upper Colorado rivers in Grand County, Colorado, both of which have been nationally recognized as ecological important and imperiled from decades of diversion to the Denver area. The Colorado River – from its source in Grand County all the way to the Gulf of California, 1,500 miles downstream – is the lifeblood of the West but is facing perilous threats from misguided development and climate change. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion is just one of several new projects threatening to drain the Colorado River at the exact time that we should be protecting and restoring this keystone river.

Thank you for protecting the citizens and environment of Boulder County!

Seth Olson  
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Golden, Colorado 80403  
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**From:** [Elizabeth Waldner](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 8:48:54 AM

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All,

I will keep this simple. I ask that you do whatever you can to stop the expansion of the Gross Reservoir. It is not necessary and the damage to the environment will be colossal.

Thank you,

Beth Waldner  
Boulder County resident

**From:** [Lance Messinger](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross reservoir  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:36:05 AM

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I am against the the impact of this project! There isn't enough water available to promote population growth in Colorado!

This project is a double edge sword for Colorado! Population growth and environmental impact! Please stop it!

Thanks

Lance Messinger  
Downhole Tool Service  
303-550-6699  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [alana breiners](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** gross res expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 10:17:00 AM

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I am just emailing support of stopping the Denver Water Expansion. The reservoir may belong to Denver, but the river ways affected will have a massive impact on other Colorado residents who are expected to sacrifice for a single city enough. Denver water use is down, despite growth, due to learning how to use water more efficiently. Efficient and sustainable water use is the only way to protect access to a diminishing and vital resource for all humans, not just Denver. As a water operator I am educated in regional water statistics. Studies show Denver will not need an increase of water in the next 20 years and can further reduce usage by making greater use of reclaimed water and controlling HOAs from forcing unsustainable lawn practices in our desert region. Reclaimed water is a massive underused asset with room to expand use for farmers, golf courses and open spaces.

I understand I won't receive a reply. I may not be the most eloquent person, but Colorado water operators are being taught this is an unnecessary water grab and natural resource destruction.

Thank you  
Boulder County Voter  
Alana



**From:** [Lars Waldner](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross reservoir  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:09:41 PM

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Please stop the Gross reservoir expansion. I is not necessary and the environmental impact will be huge.

Lars Waldner

**From:** [Lydia Miller](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross dam expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 3:38:33 PM

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We who live in the path of the gross dam expansion/ destruction must be heard . Those in Denver who need to water their lawns should find another way to accomplish that goal , that does not require the peace and serenity, that we who live in its path so much revere , be destroyed for profit and greed . Please hear the mountain living souls who utterly oppose this travesty .

**From:** [Steve Pomerance](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** challenge to Gross Reservoir expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:43:08 PM

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To the Commissioners:

Thank you very much for challenging the Gross Reservoir expansion. I have no idea how successful you might be, but it's certainly worth a shot. This expansion is really damaging to the environment, and possibly could affect the water rights of any number of Boulder County residents.

So, if possible, you might see if you can extract from Denver Water their estimates of the effect of the expansion on the water rights of Boulder County cities and farmers. Denver Water appears to be intending to use some of their conditional pre-Compact rights to fill the expansion. If that occurs, and there is a serious call on the Upper Basin states under the Colorado River Compact (as is anticipated to start in the next few years), at some point the relatively junior rights of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project may be curtailed because the amount of water flowing out of Colorado and the Upper Basin is insufficient to meet their Compact obligations. And that curtailment could affect many cities and farmers in Boulder County.

Anyway, this issue may provide you with further leverage. So I thought I'd toss this out to you as something to consider.

Regards,  
Steve Pomerance

**From:** [teddngwen](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 5:48:57 PM

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I simply want to register my belief that the Gross Reservoir Expansion is not necessary for Denver to meet its water needs and would have very serious impacts on Boulder county.

Gwen Bennett

**From:** [Matthew Paul](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2018 11:34:14 AM

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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** County Commissioners Contact Us/Feedback Form. [#905]  
**Date:** Friday, November 02, 2018 5:55:02 PM

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Name \* Eric Tussey

Email \* [eric@tussey.com](mailto:eric@tussey.com)

Address or General Area (optional)  5075 51st Street  
Boulder, CO 80301  
United States

My Question or Feedback most closely relates to the following subject: (fill in the blank) \* Gross Reservoir Expansion – Deny permit

Comments, Question or Feedback \*

I strongly object to the expansion of Gross Reservoir. It affects wildlife, the environment, people, and public safety. I have seen the charts showing that water conservation efforts in the last 20 years or so have been able to ensure that we have enough water for our growing population. Denver Water wants more water in the future– although they are selling some of their water to fracking operations currently. The 7 year expansion plan will entail construction of a 24/7 concrete plant on site driving out wildlife such as elk, mountain lions, bear, deer, birds of prey, and numerous smaller species. The number of trees cut down (over 200,000) will reduce the planet's ability to absorb carbon dioxide. Long established public trails will be submerged under water and lost forever. The heavy truck traffic will involve bringing tons and tons of material to this site over the next 7 years (or more). This activity will not improve the quality of life for residents on these road. The roads are steep and curvy in many places and heavy trucks in winter will endanger the public travelling on these roads. In addition the increased traffic from workers will cause congestion and additional wear and tear on public roads. This truck traffic will go right through Boulder as well. The cost and carbon footprint of this project is huge. For the public good deny this project. This will not improve our quality of life in Boulder County. The Denver Water board can use the water they currently sell to fracking operations to provide water to the public if needed. At 10 million plus gallons per well they should have plenty. Otherwise they can find a less sensitive place to start a 7 year construction project with no benefit to locals..

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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Contact Us/Feedback Form [#788]  
**Date:** Friday, November 02, 2018 5:57:51 PM

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Name \* Eric Tussey

Organization (optional) Mr.

Email \* [eric@tussey.com](mailto:eric@tussey.com)

Select a Subject \* Gross Reservoir

Comments or Feedback \*

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**From:** [Janet Queal](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Saturday, November 03, 2018 10:41:51 AM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

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Denver Water doesn't need the water. Actual per-person water use has decreased over the last several decades and should remain so if the Denver Metro area remains environmental consciousness high and water conservation strategies have been put into place.

The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion would cost over \$350 million but won't provide meaningful benefits AND even if expanded, the Gross Dam-Reservoir would not be sufficient to meet the laundry list of needs that Denver Water proposes to address with the new Colorado River water.

Thank you for protecting the citizens and environment of Boulder County!



**From:** [allyn s feinberg](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Expansion  
**Date:** Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:29:27 AM  
**Attachments:** [County Commissioner letter.docx..pdf](#)

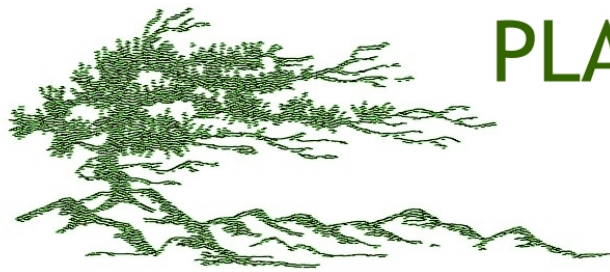
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Dear Boulder County Commissioners Jones, Gardner, Domenico and Commissioner-elect Jones:

Attached is a letter from PLAN-Boulder County regarding the expansion of Gross Reservoir. PLAN-Boulder appreciates the opportunity to convey our position on this issue for your consideration.

Regards,

Allyn Feinberg  
CoChair PLAN-Boulder County



# PLAN-Boulder County

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November 20, 2018

Honorable Commissioners and Commissioner-Elect  
Elise Jones  
Deb Gardener  
Cindy Domenico  
Matt Jones

Re: PLAN-Boulder supports Boulder County 1041 authority for proposed Gross Dam expansion

Dear Commissioners and Commissioner-Elect:

PLAN-Boulder County strongly supports your recent actions to assert Boulder County's 1041 powers to review Denver Water's plans to expand Gross Reservoir. Official review of this project by Boulder County is essential as this would be the largest construction project in the history of the County and this is exactly the type of project Colorado's 1041 Regulations were created for. Local review of this massive and unnecessary project is of utmost importance. Thank you for taking the necessary steps to ensure this happens, even if it means a court battle with Denver Water.

PLAN opposes the Gross Reservoir expansion for the following reasons:

- 1) The dam raising would be the largest construction project in the history of Boulder County and will be hugely disruptive to the environment and region;
- 2) There is a crisis on the Colorado River and it is irresponsible for the East slope to divert additional water at this time;
- 3) Denver doesn't need the water. Denver has a robust water system already, without expanding Gross Reservoir. Water use in Denver, and across the region has declined. Water conservation and efficiency have been tremendously successful over the past 20 years. Additional per capita reductions are anticipated into the future.

The proposal to expand Gross Reservoir has been in progress for more than 20 years. PLAN-Boulder has not taken a formal position until now, but in that time it has become clear that climate change is impacting winters in Colorado, thereby reducing flows on the Colorado River. There is a water crisis on the Colorado River and it is irresponsible and unnecessary for Denver Water to take additional water from the Colorado River Basin at this time, even though water rights and "entitlements" provide a legal basis.

PLAN-Boulder has reviewed Denver Water's demand projections associated with the Gross Reservoir permit and do not find the analysis a convincing argument of need. Since the permit was submitted, water demand in Denver Water's service area has actually declined substantially, because of effective efficiency and conservation measures. Denver Water's analysis substantially over estimates future need for water and should be challenged.

The dam itself, if constructed will be 431 feet tall and in fact, will be the tallest dam in Colorado history. The expanded Gross Reservoir it creates will be filled largely with water collected from the headwaters of the Colorado River in the Fraser River valley. The project, by definition, will reduce flow on an annual basis in the Colorado River, even though there are some low flow guarantees in both the Fraser and South Boulder Creek associated with project.

Thank you for taking the necessary first steps to assert Boulder County's 1041 power to review this massive, environmentally damaging, and unnecessary project. PLAN-Boulder understands that this will likely land the County in court with Denver Water. Please know that PLAN-Boulder stands in full support of Boulder County's 1041 review and is prepared to assist in any way we can.

The significance of fighting the Gross Reservoir expansion will be felt all the way down the Colorado River Basin. The effort to keep more water in the Colorado River and prevent a collapse of this essential system is truly a front line climate change battle. We are proud to see Boulder County taking the lead in the effort.


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allyn Feinberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Allyn" being more prominent than the last name "Feinberg".

Allyn Feinberg  
Co-Chair, PLAN-Boulder County

**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#957]  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:18:38 PM

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Organization (optional)	Mr.
Address or General Area (optional)	 5075 51st Street Boulder, CO 80301 United States
Phone Number (optional)	(303) 818-2271
Subject *	Gross Reservoir
Comments, Question or Feedback *	<p>I want to know what the status is with stopping the expansion of the Gross Reservoir. We do not want this to happen because of environmental reasons and the impacts (traffic, construction for 7 years, noise, cutting down hundreds of thousands of trees, pollution and wildlife disruption) – not to mention adding to climate change.</p> <p>What are you doing to [prevent it?</p> <p>Thanks for your efforts,.</p>
Please check box below *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification</li></ul>

**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#970] - [Name: Zahniser, Mary (Julie)] Re: PLEASE-Stand Strong to Stop Gross Reservoir Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, February 04, 2019 9:41:09 PM

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Name *	Mary (Julie) Zahniser
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Organization (optional)	--
Address or General Area (optional)	 3782 Telluride Lane Boulder, CO 80305 United States
Subject *	PLEASE-Stand Strong to Stop Gross Reservoir Expansion

Comments, Question or Feedback \*

Dear Honorable Boulder County Commissioners,  
First of all, thank you for all of your hard work!

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support your continued efforts to NOT allow the expansion of Gross Reservoir. I know that you are well aware of the countless local and regional environmentally damaging reasons to not allow this enormous, expensive, and destructive project to go forward.

I support you in doing your best to maximize the 1041 legislation that gives Boulder County the right to control development beyond its boundaries.

I am sure that you read the Colorado River Boulder Daily Camera February 2, 2019, "With water shortages looming, feds to intervene" which presents the big picture of the dire multi-state water delivery situation in the drought-depleted lower Colorado River, as a result of the "effects of climate change...and the reality of a drier future" setting in.

After reading this article, I am convinced of two things: 1) what happens here has ramifications far beyond Boulder County and Colorado, and 2) what you do to protect Boulder County has broad environmental-socio-political justification.

The article mentions that the Interior Department – Bureau of Reclamation would “start the formal legal process of soliciting comments on how it should impose cuts ...” If it is appropriate and a good use of your time, I support you in submitting comments. This could bring a national spotlight to Boulder’s situation, and perhaps your contributions to Interior Department decisions and actions might lead to positive local outcomes.

Please let me and the public know of actions we can take to help you protect this local treasure. Gross Reservoir is a spectacular place.

With great appreciation,  
Julie Zahniser

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**From:** [Jim Drevescraft](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Cc:** [Case, Dale](#)  
**Subject:** my comment on the Gross 1041 review is more than 400 words, so here you go  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 2:07:43 PM

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I am writing to strongly support the opinion of Land Use Director Dale Case regarding his determination that the proposed expansion of Gross Dam by Denver Water is, in fact, subject to 1041 review.

In my nearly ten years of service on the Boulder County Board of Adjustment, I saw countless examples of requests to expand a usage of property that would have harmful effects on the County as a whole. Such effects would include reducing setbacks, enabling egregious building projects, creating future issues on other proposals by not strictly enforcing the Land Use Code, creating perhaps inadvertent effects on the enjoyment of their properties by adjacent landowners, negative impacts on the rightful enjoyment of public land and viewsheds by allowing inappropriate land use modifications, and much more.

I submit that the enlargement of Gross Dam, with perhaps a million trees to be destroyed, significant acreage of Boulder County public land permanently removed from public usage, negative impacts on private landowners in the area, disruptive traffic on State Highway 72 for several years, significant pollution by construction and hauling activities, the increased pressure on Western Slope water sources to fill the enlarged dam area, damage to the already-strained Colorado River drainage, possible increased traffic, crime, and illegal usage of public and private lands owing to increased recreation in the area, as well as unforeseen problems that we all know will arise---all of these and more indicate that the relevant portions of Land Use Code Article Eight are clearly to be violated if Denver Water is allowed to proceed.

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Jim Drevescraft

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**From:** Jim Drevescraft <drevesj@ionsky.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 2:07 PM

**To:** Boulder County Board of Commissioners <commissioners@bouldercounty.org>

**Cc:** Case, Dale <dcase@bouldercounty.org>

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**From:** [Gary Wockner](#)  
**To:** [Lattes, Conrad](#); [Case, Dale](#); [Pearlman, Ben](#); [Jones, Elise](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Jones, Matt](#); [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Larimer County Commissioners vote unanimously to DENY Thornton 1041 permit  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:03:35 PM

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Hi Boulder County Commissioners and Staff,

ICYMI, last night the Larimer County Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the 1041 permit application for the "Thornton Pipeline", a very large, very controversial water project on the Cache la Poudre River.

News reports:

1.  
[http://www.reporterherald.com/news/larimer-county/ci\\_32445909/larimer-commissioners-reject-thornton-pipeline-proposal](http://www.reporterherald.com/news/larimer-county/ci_32445909/larimer-commissioners-reject-thornton-pipeline-proposal)
2.  
<https://www.greeleytribune.com/news/celebration-and-frustration-as-larimer-county-commissioners-reject-thornton-pipeline/>
3.  
<https://www.denverpost.com/2019/02/11/thornton-larimer-county-water-pipeline/>
4.  
<https://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2019/02/11/larimer-county-commissioners-reject-thornton-pipeline-proposal/2840124002/>
5.  
<https://denver.cbslocal.com/video/4027475-thornton-pipeline-proposal-denied/>

This was a 10-year process for me starting from when we first heard about Thornton's proposal, and a year-long legal and permitting process with Larimer County. Save The Colorado and TEG are using the same land use attorney for our work addressing the 1041 permit process for Denver Water's Gross Dam expansion project.

Thank you for all of your work. See you all on March 14 at the hearing.

All best,  
Gary

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The mission of Save The Colorado is to protect and restore the Colorado River and its tributaries from the source to the sea. Save The Colorado focuses on fighting irresponsible water projects, supporting alternatives to dams and diversions, fighting and adapting to climate change, supporting river and fish species restoration, and removing deadbeat dams. The Colorado has thousands of supporters throughout the Southwest U.S. from Denver to Los Angeles and beyond.

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**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Friday, February 15, 2019 10:37:02 AM

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#975] - [Name: Woodall, Carol] Re: Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion  
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Subject \* Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion

Comments, Question or Feedback \*

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Please do everything within your power to protect Boulder County and stop this unconscionable project.

Thank you,

Carol Woodall

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**From:** [Taylor James](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Sunday, February 17, 2019 7:03:50 AM

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#3]  
**Date:** Sunday, February 17, 2019 10:24:29 AM

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Enter your comments (or attach a comment document below): \*

I suggest you listen to them with an open mind vs your normal opposition that might not have a clue about the future.

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**From:** [Lise Friisbaastad](#)  
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**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Karin Summers](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Sunday, February 17, 2019 11:40:50 AM

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**From:** [Shaunna Kramer](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Preston Brown](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Date:** Monday, February 18, 2019 9:41:08 AM

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Kyle Newman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Becky Palmer](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Maryfrances Moon](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#4]  
**Date:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 5:38:14 PM

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The expansion of Gross Reservoir should be stopped. Given climate constraints in Colorado that affect forest aridity, the low level of the Colorado River, and low water conditions on the Western Slope, it would be foolish to divert more western water to the Eastern Slope.

The Mississippi Basin drains water from more than 2/3 of the US already. Western Slope water needs to stay there and be allowed to drain into the Colorado River.

Additionally, Boulder County would suffer much upheaval due to increased logging, trucks, and heavy machinery moving in and out of the County which will definitely have an impact on the citizens, costs for road repair, and increase noise and traffic. There is no "easy way" into Gross Reservoir. It will increase traffic on Coal Creek, on Flagstaff, and in Boulder Canyon through Nederland and south from Nederland on 119.

Foolish environmental decisions should not be made just because mostly out of state developers want to build housing developments on the plains to line their own pockets while creating infrastructure costs for citizens.

Please stop the expansion of Gross Reservoir.

Thank you.

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 11:00:23 AM

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Dear County Commissioners:

The demand on the watershed that supplies the Colorado River generally exceeds supply, and global warming is likely to put more stress on this hydrological system. Given the enormous environmental and social impacts of the proposed Gross Reservoir expansion, one needs to confront the reality that Coloradoans are in a zero-sum game with respect to water. The time has come, indeed the time is past, when we need to confront limits to growth. Nature is telling us to live within our hydrological budget. I hope that the expansion of Gross Reservoir does not happen. And I certainly hope that the County Commissioners of Boulder County forcefully put forward their own analysis/recommendations/reservations about this project.

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**From:** [Dan Brockway](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:17:06 PM

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I personally depend on both the Colorado River and the peaceful canyon beneath Gross Reservoir as a retreat from my busy life as a student. I fly fish often in both areas, and adamantly support the conservation of these and all other waterways.

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**From:** [Dr. Kristina Kahl](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 12:06:43 AM

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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
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**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#6]  
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Hello and Greetings I live in boulder county and am very interested in how we live as a society that is in more harmony with our mother earth and each other

This gross dam reservoir project is something that will be destructive to much of nature – including during proposed construction producing more pollution to our already poor air quality on the front range

What I suggest is that this gross dam reservoir project does NOT happen  
I do not want to see a bigger dam built...it is not a good solution

The boulder and denver area is full of savvy people that care.

Please lead us in a way that allows us together to live in our society with less water and non-renewable energy use

It is possible

For one...I use very little water at our home – I learned when I was very young that just one to two gallons of water is plenty for my daily personal bathing

What if we really took into consideration about how we are living and start better more harmonious ways for living now for all of us

Thank you do be in touch if you want to discuss more healthy ways that we can all start to use as our habits of living

Sincerely Marta

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Tucker Samuelson](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 3:42:21 PM

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Kyle Kuczun](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Brian Fink](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Christina Lacerenza](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Jessica Gerstner](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:10:40 AM

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**From:** [Roger Briggs](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Scientific American Article on dams  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:16:45 AM

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Dear Commissioners -

Just saw this article about dams promoting a false sense of water security - maybe you can pass it along to the Denver Water Board?

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/do-dams-increase-water-use/>

Thanks for trying to stop the Gross Dam expansion!

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**From:** [Preston Brown](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:47:24 PM

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Sincerely,

Preston Brown of Boulder, CO



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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Friday, March 01, 2019 4:09:13 PM

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**From:** [Kevin Work](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#7]  
**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 6:58:56 PM

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Enter your comments (or attach a comment document below): \*

I stand by Dale Case's determination that Denver Water misinterpreted the "zoned land exemption" and Boulder Land Use code. If Denver Water bypasses the 1041 process, it will result in disastrous impacts for Boulder's environment and citizens. I urge you to make Denver Water undergo the 1041 process and then stop the project by denying the local permit.

I think that Boulder County Commissioners should require Denver Water to go through the same process that our locals are required to go through. I don't know how it's any different than having building inspections and getting permits. Boulder County has standards and processes in place to ensure that new requests that come in, meet the standards and rules in place for the protection and safety of all.

Is this project really necessary?

As part of Boulder County for the last 39 years, I have come to value the out of doors, nature and how we, as a community, respect nature and allow it to be as it is naturally. Boulder County has done a wonderful job of ensuring our nature is maintained and "not disturbed", as much as possible. I especially appreciate the thought that goes into the plans and implementation of the parks to ensure it is made available for all abilities. My older son, who was wheelchair bound, enjoyed the pathways created for those in wheelchairs. Thank you.

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Sincerely,  
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**Date:** Monday, March 04, 2019 7:03:11 AM

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#8]  
**Date:** Monday, March 04, 2019 9:52:32 AM

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Enter your comments (or attach a comment document below): \*

I will keep this short.  
I agree with all the others who have submitted their oppositions to this insane project.  
For the record, my two main concerns are:  
(1) The impact on the Colorado river and its tributaries, which are already under great stress.  
(2) The impact on the eco nature environment that nurtures the area that surrounds where we live.  
And in my case, why for over forty years I have tried to live in a spirit of harmony and preservation, not destruction.  
Please don't allow this dam project to succeed.  
Thank You.  
Brent Warren  
Magnolia Road

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**From:** [Brian Paradise](#)  
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**From:** [Jane Crick](#)  
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**From:** [Anne Salzmann](#)  
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**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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Hello, I have worked with TEG and Save the Colorado for several years to evaluate the feasibility of the Moffat Project. I am attaching a white paper I completed detailing Denver Water's deliveries of potable and non-potable water to their customers both inside and outside their service area. As is shown clearly in the last two figures of the report, water deliveries have decreased since 2004 so much so that in 2016 actual water use was approximately 100,000 AF less than the projected need in the FEIS for the Moffat Project. This white paper provides evidence that water demand projections are inflated and that Denver Water's conservation efforts have been so successful that additional water to be stored in the expanded Gross reservoir is not required.

Contrast this result with the substantial impacts to Boulder County and the western slope rivers/economies and it becomes clear that the expansion of Gross Reservoir is not the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) required under NEPA regulations. Please vote to require a 1041 permit and then vote no on the project.

Though not related to the 1041 permit I fear that:

1. excess water will be sold to oil and gas companies for fracking – as occurs with CBT water. It makes no sense to divert clear high quality water and then turn around and sell excess water to oil and gas companies for fracking.
2. that increasing storage on the eastern slope using western slope water will increase the probability of a compact call on the Colorado River – Hydros is currently evaluating this possibility.
3. pertinent to the 1041 permit; increasing the storage of Gross reservoir by 72,000 AF above the current capacity of 40,000 AF would create an enormous flood hazard along South Boulder Creek if the dam fails – Can the flood mitigation proposed for CU South handle spillage of this much water?

I have signed up to speak at the March 14th meeting about this matter.

Thank you Lisa Buchanan

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**Actual Versus Projected Water Demand  
For Denver Water Customers  
LRB Hydrology & Analytics  
Lisa Buchanan  
4/7/2018**

Denver Water implemented its Tap Smart water conservation effort in 2007 – accelerating its timeline to 2016 from 2050. Per the Water Conservation Plan of 2015;

“In this plan, 39,400 AF of water savings was apportioned in the following manner: 10,000 AF of permanent savings as a result of behavioral and structural changes from the 2002-2004 drought; a 4,400 AF reduction achieved as a result of an inclining block rate structure; and a 25,000 AF reduction from a combination of active and passive savings (WCP, 2015 page 3).”

Water conservation efforts by Denver Water have been successful and are evident in the reduction in actual water demand noted between 2000 and 2016. This report compiles water sales data from yearly comprehensive financial reports - published by Denver Water - to document actual water demand in the 2000s. Potable water use in 10 year increments is summarized in each financial report (page III-16 in 2015 annual financial report). Non-potable raw and reuse water data for individual years are noted in each annual report - included here as pdf files and on pages III-18 and III-21 of the 2015 financial report. Both potable and non-potable water demand is shown in Table 1.

Water use is reported annually in Denver Water’s financial statements which can be accessed online. Water use was available annually prior to issue of the Moffat Project FEIS in April, 2014 and the Moffat Project ROD in July, 2017. Declining actual water and per capita use in the 2000s were fully documented in the financial statements prior to issuing both the FEIS and the ROD. FEIS water demand projections are based on 1973 to 1999 water use data used in regression analyses to define water use, by customer category, by water provider, and by year (Appendix A-1, Harvey Economics, 2004, page 5). The 2012 revised projections updated demographic information (FEIS Appendix A-4, Harvey Economics, 2012, first page) but did not revisit relationships between water use and population growth (FEIS Appendix A-4, Harvey Economics, 2012, first page) – water use that is based on old data collected prior to full and modern metering of the CSA.

**Actual Potable and Non-Potable Water Use**

Potable metered water use is presented in a summary table in Section III of the financial reports entitled “Treated Water Sold in Gallons by Type of Customer.” Under “metered general customers” and “other sales to public entities”, customer type is further broken down to inside city, outside city- read and bill, and outside city- total service. “Inside City” includes customers that reside inside the City of Denver and “Outside City” includes customers outside of the City of Denver but within Denver Water’s Combined Service Area (CSA). A map of the CSA is included in Section III of each financial report – page III-13 in the 2015 financial report.

The last category for treated and metered water sales in each summary table - “Sales of Treated Water for Resale” - includes customers on Master Meter contracts who are outside the City of Denver but inside the CSA and those to which Denver Water exports treated water to “Outside the Combined Service Area.” Entities which received treated water via master meter contracts are noted on page III-30 of the 2015 financial report.

Each treated water summary table ends with a “Reconciliation of Water Treated, Delivered, Consumption, Sales, and Non-Revenue Water” in which total water production in Denver Water’s treatment plants is adjusted for any changes in its clear (treated) water storage to calculate the total amount of treated – potable- water that was delivered to customers each year. This amount is noted under the “Total Potable Water” column in Table 1 below. Total sales of water, or metered water, is subtracted from the total amount delivered to calculate non-revenue water that is either lost in the system or not billed. Total metered water equals the sum of water sales to both inside and outside the CSA (columns 2 plus 3 in Table 1 below). Percent of non-revenue water is based on comparison to the total potable water delivered.

Year	Potable Water Use				Total Potable Water Delivered (AF)	Total Non-Potable (Raw and Reuse) Water Use (AF)	Total Potable and Non-Potable Water Use (AF)
	Inside CSA Metered Water (AF)	Delivered Outside CSA (AF)	Non-Revenue Water				
			(AF)	(%)			
2000	249,144	NA	7,369	2.87	256,513	54,997	311,511
2001	232,431	4,650	11,667	4.69	248,737	35,213	283,951
2002	216,669	4,967	8,410	3.64	230,845	40,612	271,457
2003	185,344	8,022	5,387	2.68	200,703	39,979	240,682
2004	174,964	7,553	3,393	1.83	185,909	31,139	217,048
2005	198,444	7,709	3,984	1.90	210,138	37,060	247,198
2006	214,247	9,566	5,509	2.40	229,322	50,373	279,695
2007	200,193	10,686	5,415	2.50	216,294	32,538	248,832
2008	208,065	9,231	3,589	1.62	220,886	38,475	259,361
2009	179,425	8,907	2,267	1.19	190,599	28,396	218,995
2010	196,764	9,272	7,851	3.67	213,887	35,632	249,520
2011	190,448	8,493	10,544	5.03	209,484	37,751	247,236
2012	200,761	10,919	9,183	4.16	220,864	38,576	259,440
2013	169,431	8,419	6,936	3.75	184,785	30,804	215,589
2014	169,786	10,208	7,776	4.14	187,770	25,213	212,983
2015	167,752	9,660	7,077	3.84	184,489	28,930	213,419
2016	191,587	2,543	5,360	2.69	199,489	29,887	229,376

Denver Water plans to build-out its reuse system for irrigation, industrial use, and lakes in parks and golf courses such that, ultimately, over “5 billion gallons” or more than 15,000 AF is reused in the future (WCP,2015 page 6). Though raw and reuse water is differentiated in the financial statements, Table 1 above includes only the total non-potable water use summarized in the statements. Denver Water also

entered water use data into the CWCB Water Efficiency database for 2013 through 2016 (Table 2). Non-potable raw and reuse water was differentiated in this database.

Data obtained from each source are compared here to confirm that data from both originate from the annual financial statements. Total produced potable water from the CWCB database (Table 2) matches total potable water delivered volumes in Table 1, above, taken from the financial statements for 2013 to 2016. It is unclear why potable water delivered to the CSA system (CWCB database in Table 2) is slightly lower than the sum of metered and exported water from the financial statements (Table 1) that total 177,850 (1,536 AF), 179,994 (2,431 AF), 177,412 (2,583 AF), and 194,130 (4,871 AF) AF in 2013 through 2016, respectively. Numbers in parentheses equal the difference in the two data sources.

Year	Potable Water Use (AF)			Non-Potable Raw Water Use (AF)			Non-Potable Reuse (AF)		
	Total Produced	Delivered Outside CSA	Delivered To CSA System	Total Produced	Delivered Outside CSA	Delivered To CSA System	Total Produced	Delivered Outside CSA	Delivered To CSA System
2013	184,733	8,419	176,314	24,738	21,370	3,368	4,815	3,115	1,700
2014	187,771	10,208	177,563	16,801	15,195	1,606	3,878	1,980	1,898
2015	184,489	9,660	174,829	24,895	21,487	3,408	3,952	1,951	2,001
2016	199,489	10,230	189,259	24,356	5,266	19,090	5,273	2,457	2,816

Total non-potable water use from the financial statements (Table 1 above) are higher than the sum of total raw and reuse non-potable water in Table 2 above because effluent sales - 1,252, 417, 83, and 257 AF in 2013 through 2016, respectively - noted in the financial statements were not included in the CWCB database. In addition, in 2014, total produced raw water noted in the CWCB database (Table 2) did not include 4,118 AF of exported, or delivered outside the CSA, non-potable raw water listed in the financial statement under “other non-potable water deliveries.” This exported water was included in total raw water deliveries every other year. It is unclear why it was omitted in 2014 in the CWCB database.

The total of potable and non-potable actual water use shown in Table 1 was used for comparison to water demand projections.

**Comparison to Denver Water Demand Projections**

Projected water demand for Denver Water customers was evaluated as part of the Moffat Project Environmental Impact Statement. Demand projections are included in Table 1-1 of the FEIS, 2014, for unrestricted demand as well as for system demand reduced by historic conservation and natural replacement savings. Unrestricted demand includes fixed contracts without drought restrictions, historical conservation, or natural replacement. The latter projection includes natural or passive water savings associated with replacement of outdated, inefficient plumbing fixtures with water-efficient fixtures; efforts that are independent of Denver Water’s conservation programs. It also includes historic

water conservation savings created by conservation efforts between 1980 and 2000 (FEIS, 2014 page 1-16).

#### Safety Factor

DW demand projections originally added a safety factor of 30,000 AF to the annual demand numbers (FIES Appendix A, Harvey Economics, 2004 report). The safety factor was removed from the demand projections as part of the 2012 update (FEIS Appendix A, Harvey Economics, 2012 and footnote 3 of FEIS Table 1-1):

“Denver Water’s 30,000-AF safety factor is not included in the calculation of the shortfall because it is not considered available for meeting the total system demand each and every year. Rather it is intended to address uncertainties and/or unforeseen events.”

This was confirmed by comparing the 2030 projected demand noted in Exhibit 1 of the Harvey Economics 2004 report - which incorporated the safety factor – of 409,000 AF with that in Attachment 3 of the Harvey Economics 2012 updated report – which did not include the safety factor – of 379,000 AF, also listed in FEIS Table 1-1 for year 2032.

#### Conveyance Losses

Conveyance losses upstream of the water treatment plants are not included in the actual or projected water demands. In footnote number 2 of FEIS Table 1-3, Yield of Denver Water’s System, it states for the Moffat Tunnel Collection System:

“Amount sent directly to demand, not total importation. Net of evaporation and transit losses.”

For exchange and reuse supply, footnote number 4 of Table 1-3 states:

“Net of evaporation and transit losses. Includes reusable water exchanged from Metro WWTP, Bi-City WWTP, and Denver Water exchange gravel pits. Includes reusable supply used to augment miscellaneous raw water demands...[and] non-potable recycling project demands.”

Water supply firm yield is the amount of water that is available at the WTP after adjusting for conveyance and evaporative losses. Therefore, actual demands noted in Table 1 do not need to be adjusted for conveyance losses for comparison to DW projected demands.

#### Distribution Losses

FEIS projected demands include a 6 percent distribution loss. Non-revenue water, measured and reported in the financial records, averaged 3.09 percent of total water demand from 2000 to 2016 and is already included in actual water use figures; therefore, actual water demand was not further adjusted for distribution losses.

#### Recycle and Reuse

Reuse and WWTP effluent water were retained in the total actual demand though, to be accurate, it does not increase the need for additional fresh water and could be subtracted from the total actual demand. Reuse and exchange water in the FEIS, Table 1-3, supplement water supply and are not factored into projected demand numbers. Therefore, actual water demands reported in Table 1 above are conservative as they reduce the difference between projected and actual water demands.

#### Special Contract Obligations - Outside the CSA

FEIS projected water demands include full water delivery contract amounts to entities located outside Denver Water’s CSA. A total of 66,600 AF per year of contracted water was added to annual water demand projections in the 2012 update (an increase of 5,600 AF over the 2002 projections). Raw (49,539 AF), recycled (6,400 AF), and treated water (11,988 AF) contract amounts are shown in Attachment C, Article I.B-1 of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA). The full amount of these contracts has not typically been requested. Using CWCB data for 2013 to 2016 (except for 2014 raw water delivery which used data in the financial statement), water deliveries outside the city to contract entities totaled 32,903 AF, 31,501 AF, 33,098 AF, and 17,952 AF equal to 49 %, 47 %, 50 %, and 27 % of 66,600 AF. Actual data use was not adjusted to the full contract amount since the unused portions of the contracts were not requested from Denver Water and were not lost to the system as are, for example, conveyance losses.

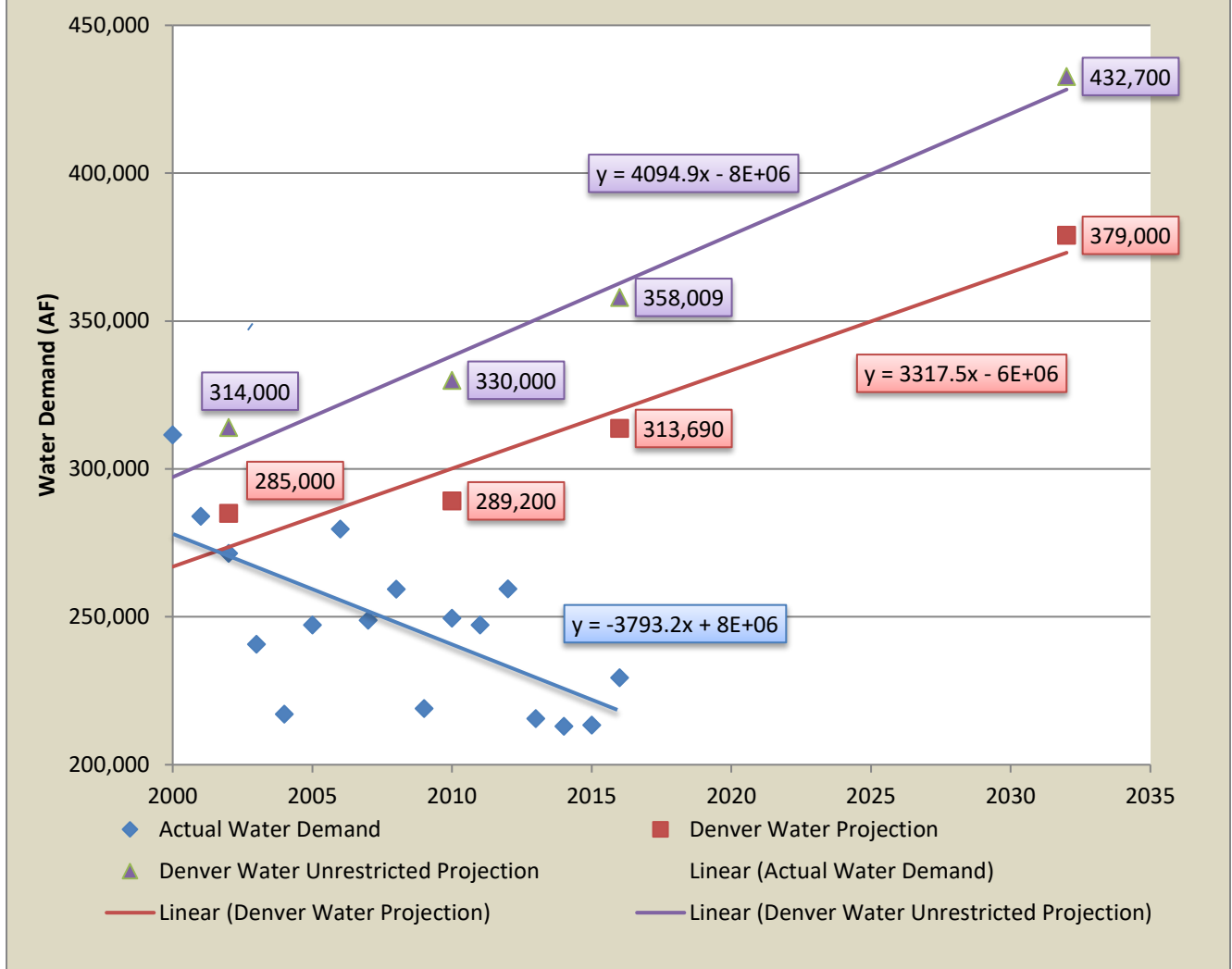
#### Comparison of Projected and Actual Water Demand

Demand forecasts from Table 1-1 of the FEIS are shown in Table 3 and graphically in Figure 1 below. Projected demands for 2016 were determined by extrapolating between projected demands in 2010 and 2032.

Year	Unrestricted Projected Demand (AF/YR)	Projected Demand with Conservation (AF/YR)	Actual Water Use – Table 1 Above (AF/YR)
2002	314,000	285,000	271,457
2010	330,000	289,200	249,520
2016	358,009	313,690	229,376
2032	432,700	379,000	NA

FEIS projected water demands increase over time though at a lower rate (lower slope of the trend line) for projections that include past and passive conservation savings (Figure 1). This is in contrast to the negative slope of the actual water use trend line indicating that actual water use in the 2000s has decreased over time, likely due to successful water conservation efforts by Denver Water.

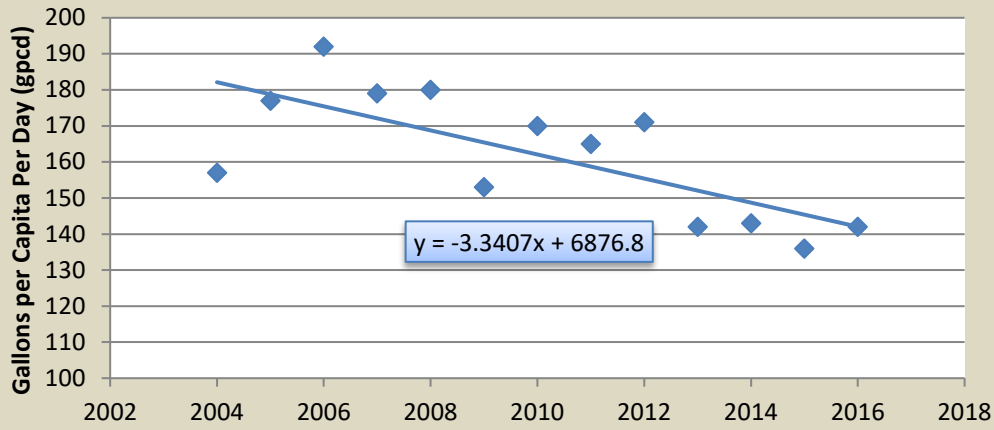
**Figure 1: Comparison of Actual With FEIS Projected Water Demands for Denver Water Customers**



The reduction in total gallons per capita per day (gpcd) noted in Figure 2 of the WCP, 2015, from approximately 180 gpcd in 2007/2008 to 142 in 2013 and an average of 160 gpcd between 2009 and 2013 also supports the observation of reduced water demand with time in the 2000s. Total gpcd was also included in statistical summary tables in both the 2013 and 2016 financial reports (page III-3). Total gpcd is displayed graphically in Figure 2. Total per capita use has trended downward between 2004 and 2016.



**Figure 2: Total Per Capita Water Demand:  
Denver Water Customers**



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All in all, this is a lose/lose proposition, especially since this once-mighty river is a pathetic trickle of what it once was. It's a sin, what humans have done to it.

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**A state trial court has invalidated Boulder County's 1041 regulations because, through no fault of the county, the state Land Use Commission ("LUC") failed to review the local regulations. The legislature responded by abolishing the LUC. This article provides a historical summary of Colorado planning and zoning laws, and discusses the legal and political implications of the LUC's dissolution.**

In 1974, the Colorado General Assembly passed the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act ("AASIA").<sup>1</sup> The AASIA "encourages" local governments to designate certain geographic areas and specified activities as matters of state interest.<sup>2</sup> For example, under the AASIA, a city or county could declare part of its jurisdiction as a wildfire hazard area, or it might declare the activity of selecting a site for mass transit a matter of state interest. If a local government has made such a designation under the AASIA, it must promulgate regulations, commonly called 1041 regulations after the bill number of the state statute. The regulations must control development of land resources within the designated area or that are affected by the designated activity. A permit from the local government is required for development in regulated areas or for regulated activities.<sup>3</sup>

Until recently, courts have been extremely deferential to local government powers under the AASIA. However, there is increasing activity at the local government level to use 1041 regulations to control development. Recent court decisions, and the legislative and executive branch responses to those decisions, demonstrate that local environmental regulations may be the next front for fights over development. If nothing else, they highlight that not all politics is local.

This article provides a concise history of planning and zoning in Colorado. It also explores the case law under the AASIA, which culminated in a recent district court decision that rejected Boulder County's 1041 regulations because the Colorado Land Use Commission ("LUC") had not reviewed the local regulations. The article concludes by describing the responses of the Governor and the legislature to the court decision from Boulder County, and discusses the legal and policy implications of the demise of the LUC.

## Colorado Planning and Zoning History

Aside from the regulation of certain "nuisance" land uses such as slaughterhouses, governments in America did not use their police powers extensively to regulate land use before the early 1900s.<sup>4</sup> Growing out of the "City Beautiful" movement at the turn of the last century, the federal government actively encouraged city planning. In 1922, the U.S. Department of Commerce published a Standard State Zoning Enabling Act. The City of Denver, as a home rule city, adopted a comprehensive zoning

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ordinance pursuant to a Charter amendment in 1923, based largely on the model act.<sup>5</sup>

Until the U.S. Supreme Court's 1926 decision in *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co.*,<sup>6</sup> there was great uncertainty about whether zoning laws were valid under the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause.<sup>7</sup> *Village of Euclid* upheld such zoning laws, and three years later, the Colorado General Assembly granted statutory cities and towns the authority to conduct land use planning.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, Title IV of that 1929 statute provided for the appointment of "regional" planning commissions, which were given authority beyond the boundaries of a single municipality.<sup>9</sup> Title IV was repealed ten years later, with the passage of a state statute in 1939 authorizing planning and zoning by counties of unincorporated territory within their respective boundaries.<sup>10</sup>

In 1970, the legislature passed the Colorado Land Use Act,<sup>11</sup> which created the Colorado LUC, charged with developing a state land use plan. As originally enacted, the Land Use Act called for the adoption of a state land use map, which would classify all lands in the state and designate those uses that would be allowed for lands within each classification.<sup>12</sup> In the next two years, the Land Use Act was amended, and the LUC's role was changed to one of coordinating and unifying policies in planning for growth and development.<sup>13</sup> A few years later, the state passed the Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act of 1974 ("1974 Enabling Act").<sup>14</sup> The purpose of the 1974 Enabling Act was "to provide for planned and orderly development within Colorado and a balancing of basic human needs of a changing population with legitimate environmental concerns."<sup>15</sup> During the same session, the state enacted the AASIA as Part 1 of the 1970 Land Use Act.

The AASIA is sometimes erroneously referred to as "Colorado's first comprehensive land use law."<sup>16</sup> However, there are at least four different state statutes currently authorizing local government land use planning and zoning (see the accompanying table, "Colorado Land Use Planning Statutes"). This may help to explain why it is sometimes difficult to tell whether a local regulation was adopted pursuant to the AASIA.<sup>17</sup>

## Areas and Activities of State Interest

House Bill 74-1041 ("H.B. 1041") was loosely based on Article 7 of a Model Land Development Code ("Model Code") prepared by the American Law Institute.<sup>18</sup> The Commentary on Article 7 is enlightening about the nearly revolutionary atmosphere that motivated such legislation in states across the country. Citing specific examples, it illustrates "the problems caused by this failure of the state government to retain any of its power to regulate the use of land within its boundaries."<sup>19</sup> For example, the Commentary notes the competition among communities around San Francisco Bay to encourage new development that caused local governments to allow the rapid filling in of estuarial and shoreline areas. It also cites to the fact that "[i]n Colorado the inability of rural counties to control second home subdivisions created great popular dissatisfaction."<sup>20</sup> The Commentary continues:

-Most of the states are now giving serious study to a variety of proposals to reform land use regulation, and almost all these proposals involve some new powers for state or regional agencies. The long period of unquestioned acceptance of the local prerogative to control land development is clearly over.<sup>21</sup>

However, Colorado's AASIA, which arose from H.B. 1041, was a political compromise in this reallocation of power from local governments to the state. The Model Code suggests giving a state land planning agency the power to designate "areas [and activities] of critical state concern"; to approve or disapprove local government regulation in those areas; to promulgate state regulations for development in designated areas when the local government has not adopted any; and to decide appeals from local land use decisions. H.B. 1041, as originally introduced, included many of these ideas for a more active role by the state in land use decision-making.

Colorado's statute as enacted, however, was considerably more restrained. The AASIA gave local governments the power to designate areas and activities of state concern; gave the LUC the authority to approve or suggest modifications to local rules, but not to disapprove them; and did not give the state commission appellate authority over local decisions, even though the decisions, by definition, related to matters of state interest. As discussed below, even the limited influence of the state through the AASIA has recently been eliminated by statutory amendment.

Under the AASIA, local governments may designate the following as areas of state interest:

- Mineral resource areas
- Natural hazard areas, including floodplains, wildfire hazard areas, and geologic hazard areas
- Areas containing, or having a significant impact upon, historical, natural or archaeological resources of statewide importance
- Areas around airports, rapid or mass transit, highways, and major facilities of a public utility ("key facilities").<sup>22</sup>

Local governments may designate the following as activities of state interest:

- Site selection and construction of major new, or extensions of existing, domestic water and sewage treatment systems
- Site selection and development of solid waste disposal sites (with some exceptions)
- Site selection of key facilities (see above)
- Site selection or development of new communities
- Efficient use of municipal and industrial water projects
- The conduct of nuclear detonations.<sup>23</sup>

Colorado Land Use Planning Statutes				
Name	Bill No.	Colo. Sess. Laws	Original Codification	Current Codification
City and Regional Planning Act	S.B. 427	1929, Ch. 67, p. 219	unknown	Repealed in 1939
County Planning Act	S.B. 278	1939, Ch. 92, p. 294	unknown	CRS §§ 30-28-101 et seq.
Colorado Land Use Act	S.B. 11	1970, Ch. 75, p. 315	CRS § 106-4-1	Repealed in 2005
Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act of 1974 ("1974 Enabling Act")	H.B. 1034	1974, Ch. 81, p. 353	CRS § 106-8-101	CRS §§ 29-20-101 et seq.
Areas and Activities of State Interest Act ("AASIA")	H.B. 1041	1974, Ch. 80, p. 335	CRS § 106-7-101	CRS §§ 24-65.1-101 et seq.
Municipal Planning and Zoning Act	H.B. 1089	1975, Ch. 275, p. 1143	CRS § 31-23-101	CRS §§ 31-23-101 et seq.

As examples of the types of requirements that local governments may impose pursuant to the AASIA, developments in areas designated as wildfire hazard areas may be required to have firebreaks and roads adequate for service by fire trucks and other safety equipment.<sup>24</sup> Areas containing historical, natural, or archaeological resources must be administered "in a manner that will allow man to function in harmony with, rather than be destructive to, these resources," and "consideration is to be given" to the protection of "areas essential for wildlife habitat."<sup>25</sup> Municipal and industrial water projects shall "emphasize the most efficient use of water, including, to the extent permissible under existing law, the recycling and reuse of water."<sup>26</sup>

According to a survey conducted in 2004 by the Division of Local Government in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs,<sup>27</sup> nearly all Colorado counties reported they have some form of 1041 regulations, although most do not regulate all of the areas and activities of state interest they could regulate. For example, according to the survey: (1) nearly one-half of all Colorado counties regulate mineral resource areas and flood hazard areas; (2) nearly 40 percent regulate wildfire hazard areas and wildlife habitat areas; (3) fewer than 15 percent regulate the efficient use of municipal and industrial water projects; (4) only 2 percent regulate the conduct of nuclear detonations; and (5) only four counties report that they have no 1041 regulations.<sup>28</sup> In addition to counties, a significant number of Colorado municipalities have adopted 1041 regulations, although there is less information available about how many municipalities have them.<sup>29</sup>

Despite this self-reporting by the counties, it appears the counties have widely varying standards about what it means to have 1041 regulations. In a survey of the counties by the author, many more than four have no 1041 permitting process, as such (see Appendix). Some incorporate one or more of the ideas for regulated areas and activities suggested by the AASIA into their comprehensive plans or zoning resolutions, but they do not specify a detailed regulatory scheme for such areas and activities. No separate 1041 permit is required; rather, enforcement (if any) is through existing permitting systems, such as building permits, plat or subdivision approval, and zoning enforcement.

A number of counties are currently looking at adopting 1041 regulations for the first time or making substantial revisions to existing regulations. Some of this activity seems to be responsive to proposed projects, such as water pipelines, other water projects, or private toll roads.

## The Brief Life of the Colorado LUC

In the early years of its existence, the LUC was quite active. It prepared a 350-page set of Model Land Use Regulations under H.B. 1041, "to provide technical assistance to local governments in devising their own designations and regulations."<sup>30</sup> It intervened in local land use decisions at the request of citizens and of county governments.<sup>31</sup> As discussed below, the LUC also initiated litigation.

Among its most controversial actions, the LUC vacillated over getting involved in the designation of the Pawnee power plant, then under construction by the Public Service Company near Brush, Colorado. In January 1977, the LUC voted not to request Morgan County to designate the plant under the AASIA, but in February voted to reconsider.<sup>32</sup> Under the AASIA as it existed until 2005, the mere request by the LUC would impose a moratorium on further construction until the county could hold a hearing on the request and issue its decision.<sup>33</sup> Finally, in April 1977, the LUC made a formal request to Morgan County to designate the siting of power plants as an activity of state interest, but excluded the Pawnee plant from the request.<sup>34</sup>

Appropriations for the LUC were cut from \$202,000 in 1977<sup>35</sup> to \$58,000 in 1978.<sup>36</sup> Commentators at the time suggest that this decrease in legislative funding was directly attributable to the LUC's actions on certain controversial land use decisions around the state, especially the Pawnee power plant.<sup>37</sup> The LUC has received no funding since 1983.<sup>38</sup> Notwithstanding the complete lack of funding, the LUC continued to meet, albeit with a gradually diminishing role, into the 1990s. However, at least by January 1998, the LUC had ceased meeting altogether.<sup>39</sup> As a result, the LUC was not reviewing local government 1041 regulations that were being sent to the state, as required by the AASIA.

## Judicial Support of Local Control

Until recently, courts have been supportive of local government decisions under the AASIA. In the first reported decision under the AASIA, the LUC sought to prohibit the City of Louisville from rezoning land that was proposed for annexation, and obtained an injunction to that effect in the trial court. In 1975, the Colorado Supreme Court held that the AASIA deals with regulation of development, but that annexation is not development. Until the land was annexed, Louisville had no jurisdiction over the land; and until Louisville permits or attempts to develop the land in question, the AASIA gave no authority for injunctive relief.<sup>40</sup>

In *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc. v. Board of County Commissioners*,<sup>41</sup> the Colorado Court of Appeals announced a more far-reaching decision. In 1973, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc. ("Tri-State") began planning for construction of a power line in a corridor north of Interstate 70 ("I-70") in Lincoln County. It conducted engineering and ecological studies, purchased rights-of-way (in the court's words, at "nominal cost"), and informed the public of its plans by notice and public meetings. Construction started on March 1, 1976, in adjacent Kit Carson County. On March 8, 1976, Lincoln County designated site selection and construction of public utilities as an area or activity of state interest under the AASIA. Tri-State's application for a 1041 permit was denied.

The county commissioners reasoned that the area north of I-70 was primarily wheat fields, and that the area south of I-70 was grassland. Because of the adverse effects of the power line on farming, the county preferred the line to go south of the interstate highway. The trial court reversed, holding that Tri-State had a vested property right by virtue of its expenditures. In 1979, the Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's decision, finding that Tri-State's expenditures amounted to planning, rather than actual use. Only the latter vests a property right.<sup>42</sup> Further, the Court of Appeals found the 1041 regulations to be a proper exercise of the police power, which would be thwarted if any expenditure for planning could block effective land use regulation.<sup>43</sup>

During the same year, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld the AASIA against constitutional challenges in a case involving construction of the Rawhide Energy Project, a waste disposal facility and electrical generating plant in Larimer County.<sup>44</sup> When the county denied the LUC's request to designate the project as a matter of state interest, the LUC sought *de novo* review in the state district court, as provided in CRS § 24-65.1-407(3). The trial court dismissed the complaint, holding that the provision allowing *de novo* review of a county's designation decision was an unconstitutional violation of the doctrine of separation of powers.

The Colorado Supreme Court affirmed the dismissal, but held the AASIA to be constitutional. It ruled that the cited provision of the AASIA provides for limited review of a county's decision. The trial *de novo* is to evaluate the legality of the county's proceedings and to determine whether there has been an abuse of discretion, not to judge the merits of the county's decision.<sup>45</sup>

Similarly, in the 1989 case of *City and County of Denver v. Board of County Commissioners*,<sup>46</sup> the Colorado Supreme Court rejected Denver's argument that the AASIA was an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power to local governments. Denver held certain water rights, the development of which would be subject to 1041 permitting requirements in Eagle and Grand Counties. The Court concluded there are sufficient standards and safeguards to guide and control the local governments in the exercise of their 1041 powers.

The AASIA: (1) establishes procedures the local governments must follow, including the consideration of guidelines issued by the LUC; (2) provides for state input, oversight, and judicial review; (3) provides criteria for the administration of areas and activities of state interest; and (4) provides for certain due process protections, including notice, hearing, preservation of a record, and written findings, conclusions, and reasons for decisions. The Court also rejected numerous other arguments that provisions in the Colorado Constitution, the AASIA, and other state statutes exempt Denver, as a home rule municipality and as a water provider, from operation of the AASIA.

Notwithstanding the defeat of this broad-based attack on local government regulation of extra-territorial water projects, municipal water providers mounted another effort in the 1994 case of *City of Colorado Springs v. Board of County Commissioners*.<sup>47</sup> The cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs own conditional water rights to divert water from what is now the Holy Cross Wilderness Area in Eagle County, sometimes called the Homestake II Project. In fact, the cities had managed to have their water rights expressly protected and excluded from the legislation that created the wilderness area. They had obtained decrees for their water rights, and had successfully and repeatedly met

statutory requirements to demonstrate reasonable diligence to preserve the conditional rights. The cities had obtained all of the other necessary permits to construct their water project, including a wetlands permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Nevertheless, Eagle County denied the cities' application for a 1041 permit to construct the project.

The Colorado Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Eagle County. The court ruled that the AASIA is not unconstitutionally vague nor an abrogation of the cities' home rule powers. It also ruled that Eagle County's 1041 regulations were consistent with the requirements and authorizations of the AASIA.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of *City of Colorado Springs* is the cities' attack of the AASIA on essentially policy grounds. In the determination of land use issues, the most important question is "who decides?" If the body deciding whether a project should proceed is elected by people who will bear all the burdens of the project but virtually none of the benefits, it is not difficult to predict what decision the body will reach. In *City of Colorado Springs*, the court rejected the argument that this practical reality should deprive Eagle County of the power to grant or decline 1041 permits. To rule otherwise, the court said, "would eviscerate a fundamental objective of the Land Use Act."<sup>48</sup>

The county's board, acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, is able to balance the potential adverse environmental impact of the project against its potential benefits, and the regulations "do not lend themselves to arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement."<sup>49</sup> The court observed that the county's denial of the permit prevented the Homestake II Project, as presented to the board, from going forward; however, it did not preclude the cities from restructuring the project in some way so that it could proceed in compliance with the environmental requirements of the county's 1041 regulations.

## **The County of Boulder Decision**

In the fall of 2004, the Boulder County District Court invalidated Boulder County's 1041 regulations. In *Regents of the University of Colorado v. County of Boulder*,<sup>50</sup> the trial court invalidated Boulder's regulations as an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority, because there was no review and comment by the LUC.

In 1997, the University of Colorado–Boulder ("University") acquired a 308-acre parcel in unincorporated Boulder County, referred to in the litigation as "CU Boulder–South," on which it intended to expand its campus south of Highway 36. In 1998, Boulder County designated the highway interchange of U.S. 36 and Colorado 157 as a "key facility," and the area around the interchange, including CU Boulder–South, as an area of state interest under the AASIA. In 2001, the county designated the CU Boulder–South property as a "flood hazard initial control area" and an area of state interest for that reason as well. These designations required the University to seek a permit from the county for development of the CU Boulder–South property. Without applying for a permit, the University brought a declaratory judgment action in 2001.

In ruling on cross-motions for summary judgment, the Boulder County District Court found that review of local government 1041 regulations by the LUC was an integral part of the regulatory scheme, even though the local government was free to disregard any suggestions the state may have. It found that

the LUC did not, in fact, review Boulder's regulations, noting, "[A] framework [for a LUC] exists in the statutes, but there is, in effect, nobody home."<sup>51</sup>

The test for an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power is "whether there are sufficient statutory standards and safeguards . . . to protect against unnecessary and uncontrolled exercise of discretionary power."<sup>52</sup> The court found that "the role of the LUC in the statutory scheme was a key feature of the standards and safeguards contained in the [Land Use Act and the AASIA]."<sup>53</sup> With the *de facto* nonexistence of the LUC, those standards and safeguards were no longer functional. The court held that Boulder's designations of the CU Boulder–South property as an area of state interest in 1998 and 2001, and the regulations promulgated to regulate development in that area, were enacted pursuant to an unconstitutional delegation of authority. The case is currently on appeal before the Colorado Supreme Court.<sup>54</sup>

## The Executive and Legislative Response

To cure Boulder County's problems, Governor Owens appointed a new Land Use Commission,<sup>55</sup> which met on January 11, 2005, and approved Boulder County's 1041 regulations.<sup>56</sup> This was the only action the newly constituted LUC took.<sup>57</sup> The Colorado legislature then abolished the Colorado LUC and removed all reference in the statutes to LUC review of 1041 regulations.<sup>58</sup>

The Boulder court's decision has raised questions about the validity of 1041 regulations adopted by many other counties and municipalities after the LUC ceased to function.<sup>59</sup> After passage of the legislation that abolished the LUC, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs recommended that local governments seek legal advice about whether they need to re-enact their 1041 resolutions and regulations, or whether their previously adopted regulations "are not harmed by lack of commission review or by elimination of the commission."<sup>60</sup>

This may not be an easy decision to make. The burden of re-adopting resolutions and regulations is not great, but re-adoption may be taken as an admission that the enforceability of such regulations prior to re-adoption was questionable. More important, the elimination of the LUC again calls into question the constitutionality of the AASIA. As the court noted in the *County of Boulder* case, the role of the LUC was a "key feature" that kept the AASIA from being an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority to the local governments.<sup>61</sup> Similarly, in upholding the constitutionality of the AASIA before the 2005 amendment, the Colorado Supreme Court pointed to several mechanisms in the statutory scheme through which the LUC could "check local government abuse of discretion" in designating, or failing to designate, matters of state interest.<sup>62</sup>

The reality is that the LUC's role in Colorado was always limited to being primarily a resource for local governments. Unlike the role envisioned for state planning agencies under the Model Code, the Colorado LUC had no designation, veto, or appellate powers and, at best, could serve as a gadfly to encourage local government action. If the AASIA were not an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority, the elimination of the LUC's limited role should not dramatically alter the constitutional analysis. The abolition of the state's role in local government regulation of matters of state concern does, however, bring the policy question into sharp relief. It is not always a good idea to leave

decisions affecting the entire state, such as the construction of water supply projects, up to local governments, whose interests may conflict with the interests of the state as a whole.

## Conclusion

Many local governments have only recently come to recognize the power they have to regulate areas and activities of state interest under the AASIA. The limited role of the state in guiding such regulation has just been eliminated. Many local governments that passed 1041 regulations during the state's *de facto* dissolution of the LUC must now wonder if their regulations are valid. The recent legislative response, to eliminate the LUC officially, may provide slightly more comfort to local governments who adopt 1041 regulations going forward.

## NOTES

1. 1974 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 80 at 335, now codified at CRS §§ 24-65.1-101 to -502. The Areas and Activities of State Interest Act ("AASIA") was introduced in the General Assembly as H.B. 1041.

2. *Id.*

3. CRS § 24-65.1-501.

4. See generally Rathkopf and Rathkopf, *The Law of Zoning and Planning* (New York, NY: C. Boardman Co., 2005) at §§ 1:1–1:3.

5. Codified as amended at Denver Rev. Mun. Code, Subtitle B, § 3.2.9 (2005); see also <http://www.denvergov.org/ZoningSimplification/template318641.asp>.

6. *Village of Euclid*, 272 U.S. 365 (1926).

7. *Colby v. Board of Adjustment*, 81 Colo. 344, 349, 255 P. 443, 445 (1927). This issue was resolved in Colorado in favor of the constitutionality of zoning regulation in *Averch v. City and County of Denver*, 78 Colo. 246, 248-49, 242 P. 47, 48-49 (1925).

8. Act of May 20, 1929 ("City and Regional Planning Act"), 1929 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 67 at 219. The statutes that now govern municipal planning and zoning are codified at CRS §§ 31-23-101 to -314.

9. *Id.*, Title IV was repealed at 1939 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 92 at 310.

10. Act of March 30, 1939 ("County Planning Act"), 1939 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 92 at 294, now codified as amended at CRS §§ 30-28-101 to -404.



11. 1970 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 75 at 315, formerly codified as amended at CRS §§ 24-65-101 to -106. The Colorado Land Use Act was repealed in 2005.

12. *Id.* at 315, § 106-4-1(2).

13. CRS § 24-65-102(1).

14. 1974 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 81 at 353, now codified as amended at CRS §§ 29-20-101 to -108. The Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act of 1974 ("1974 Enabling Act") is sometimes referred to as H.B. 1034.

15. CRS § 29-20-102(1).

16. *See, e.g., Bd. of County Comm'rs v. Gartrell*, 33 P.3d 1244, 1247 (Colo.App. 2001); *Droste v. Bd. of County Comm'rs*, 85 P.3d 585, 588 (Colo.App. 2003). Both *Gartrell* and *Droste* cite to *City and County of Denver v. Bd. of County Comm'rs*, 782 P.2d 753, 755 (Colo. 1989) to support this statement. The *City and County of Denver* court, however, was referring to the Land Use Act, which it mistakenly said was adopted in 1974. Even the statement that the Land Use Act was Colorado's first comprehensive land use law is questionable, in light of the 1929 and 1939 statutes cited above.

17. *See also Droste, supra*, note 16 (protection of wildlife habitat authorized by 1974 Enabling Act and AASIA; zoned land exemption in AASIA does not exempt landowner from land use regulation under 1974 Enabling Act).

18. Model Land Dev. Code §§ 7-101 *et seq.* (Proposed Official Draft No. 1, April 15, 1974).

19. *Id.*, Commentary on Article 7 at 282.

20. *Id.*

21. *Id.* at 285.

22. CRS § 24-65.1-201.

23. CRS § 24-65.1-203.

24. CRS § 24-65.1-202(2)(a)(II).

25. CRS § 24-65.1-202(3).

26. CRS § 24-65.1-204(8).

27. Local Land Use and Planning Status survey report, prepared by the Office of Smart Growth and Colorado Counties, Inc. (2004); available from the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs, Div. of Local Government. See website: <http://wwdola.state.co.us>. Click on "Division of Local Government." For specific questions, contact the help desk at [dola.helpdesk@state.co.us](mailto:dola.helpdesk@state.co.us).

28. *Id.*

29. *Id.*

30. "Introductory Comments and Instructions for Administrative Guidelines and Regulations," *H.B. 1041 Model Land Use Regulations* at 1-i, Colorado Land Use Commission ("LUC"); available from the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs, Div. of Local Government. (See website, *supra*, note 27.)

31. See generally Panos, "A History of the Colorado Land Use Commission's Intervention," 24 *The Colorado Lawyer* 303 (Feb. 1995).

32. Warner, "Of Growth Controls, Wilderness and the Urban Strip," 6 *The Colorado Lawyer* 1730, 1736 (Oct. 1977).

33. CRS § 24-65.1-407(2).

34. Warner, *supra*, note 32 at 1736; White and Petros, "Land Use Legislation: H.B. 1034 and H.B. 1041," 6 *The Colorado Lawyer* 1686, 1706 (Oct. 1977).

35. 1976 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 1 at 13.

36. 1977 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 1 at 12.

37. Warner, *supra*, note 32 at 1736; White and Petros, *supra*, note 34 at 1706-07.

38. Panos, *supra*, note 31 at 303.

39. Memorandum from Charlie Unseld, on Colorado LUC letterhead, to interested parties, dated Feb. 8, 2005, available from the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs, Div. of Local Government (see website, *supra*, note 27); see also Panos, *supra*, note 31 at 303 (by early 1995, the LUC "has been reduced to a filing cabinet in the Department of Local Affairs and is now virtually nonexistent").

40. *City of Louisville v. District Court*, 543 P.2d 67 (Colo. 1975).

41. *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc.*, 42 Colo.App. 479, 600 P.2d 103 (1979).

42. *Id.* at 105.

43. *Id.*
44. *Colorado LUC v. Bd. of County Comm'rs*, 199 Colo. 7, 604 P.2d 32 (1979).
45. *Id.* at 35-36.
46. *City and County of Denver, supra*, note 16 at 757-61.
47. *City of Colorado Springs*, 895 P.2d 1105 (Colo.App. 1994).
48. *Id.* at 1113.
49. *Id.* at 1115.
50. *County of Boulder*, No. 01-CV-1896, slip op. (Boulder County Dist. Ct., Oct. 5, 2004).
51. *Id.* at 13.
52. *Cottrell v. City and County of Denver*, 636 P.2d 703, 709-10 (Colo. 1981).
53. *County of Boulder, supra*, note 50, slip op. at 18-19.
54. Colo. Sup.Ct., No. 04-SA-377. At the time this article was published, opening briefs were due in January 2006.
55. See press release from the Governor's Office dated Jan. 5, 2005, available at [www.colorado.gov/governor/press/january05/landuse.html](http://www.colorado.gov/governor/press/january05/landuse.html).
56. Memorandum from Charlie Unseld, *supra*, note 39.
57. Telephone interview with Charlie Unseld, Director of Local Government Services, Div. of Local Government, Colo. Dept. of Local Affairs (Aug. 24, 2005).
58. H.B. 05-1063, 2005 Colo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 192 at 667 (signed by the Governor on June 1, 2005).
59. Memorandum from Charlie Unseld, *supra*, note 39. The memorandum notes that nearly twenty local governments had sent newly adopted or significantly revised 1041 regulations to the state for review since January 1998, when the LUC ceased review. There may be other jurisdictions that adopted 1041 regulations since 1998 and did not submit them to the state.
60. Memorandum from Colo. Dept. of Local Affairs to Colo. Municipal and County Governments, dated June 13, 2005. (See website, *supra*, note 27.)

61. *County of Boulder, supra*, note 50.

62. *City and County of Denver, supra*, note 16.

**APPENDIX**  
**Colorado Counties with 1041 Regulations**  
(See author's note below)

KEY									
—	County does not have 1041 regulations	?	It is unknown whether county has 1041 regulations	yes	County has 1041 regulations, but resolution number is unknown	N/A	Does not apply	*	Link to a general zoning resolution that addresses issues authorized by H.B. 1041

County	1041 Resolution No.	Originally Passed or Effective	Available on the Web (links last checked Nov. 1, 2005)
Adams County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.co.adams.co.us/services/department/planning_development/dev_standards_regs.html">http://www.co.adams.co.us/services/department/planning_development/dev_standards_regs.html</a> *
Alamosa County	—	N/A	N/A
Arapahoe County	040416	06/02/2004	<a href="http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/PW/Forms/FINALArapahoeCounty1041Regs.pdf">http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/PW/Forms/FINALArapahoeCounty1041Regs.pdf</a>
Archuleta County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.archuletacounty.org/Planning/land_use_regulations/land_use_regulations.htm">http://www.archuletacounty.org/Planning/land_use_regulations/land_use_regulations.htm</a> *
Baca County	?	?	no
Bent County	2003-7	04/21/2003	no
Boulder County	94-23 and 94-55	1994	<a href="http://www.co.boulder.co.us/lu/lucode/article8.htm">http://www.co.boulder.co.us/lu/lucode/article8.htm</a>
Broomfield (City and County)	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/code/index.htm">http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/code/index.htm</a> *
Chaffee County	yes	12/10/1991	<a href="http://www.chaffeecounty.org/depts/planning/docs/">http://www.chaffeecounty.org/depts/planning/docs/</a> (see chapters 1-5, 8 and 9)
Cheyenne County	—	N/A	no
Clear Creek County	97-108	01/06/1998	<a href="http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/Depts/Planning/zone_regs.htm#SECTION%2019.%20REGULATIONS">http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/Depts/Planning/zone_regs.htm#SECTION%2019.%20REGULATIONS</a> (see § 19)
Conejos County	?	?	no
Costilla County	93-04 and 93-06	05/07/1993	no
Crowley County	—	N/A	no (but 1041 regs. currently under consideration)
Custer County	?	N/A	<a href="http://www.custercountygov.com/Zoning%20Res.pdf">http://www.custercountygov.com/Zoning%20Res.pdf</a> * (see §§ 6.7 and 8.7)
Delta County	yes	04/04/2005	<a href="http://www.deltacounty.com/documents/Planning%20and%20Community%20Development/Specific%20Development%20Regulations_1.pdf">http://www.deltacounty.com/documents/Planning%20and%20Community%20Development/Specific%20Development%20Regulations_1.pdf</a>
Denver (City and County)	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.denvergov.org">http://www.denvergov.org</a> *
Dolores County	—	N/A	N/A
Douglas County	987-055 000-107	1987 06/22/2000	<a href="http://www.douglas.co.us/planning/documents/1041%20regs/default.htm">http://www.douglas.co.us/planning/documents/1041%20regs/default.htm</a> (home page currently under repair); see <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us/Orgchart_top.htm">http://www.douglas.co.us/Orgchart_top.htm</a> (click on "Community Development," then "Plans, Regulations and Documents"). Proposed revisions at <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us/Planning/MattersReferralDraft.pdf">http://www.douglas.co.us/Planning/MattersReferralDraft.pdf</a>
Eagle County	yes	1980	<a href="http://www.eaglecounty.us/uploadedFiles/commDev/Planning/ChapterVI-AmendedUNALTERED(1).pdf">http://www.eaglecounty.us/uploadedFiles/commDev/Planning/ChapterVI-AmendedUNALTERED(1).pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.eaglecounty.us/uploadedFiles/commDev/Planning/1041_READOPTION.pdf">http://www.eaglecounty.us/uploadedFiles/commDev/Planning/1041_READOPTION.pdf</a>
El Paso County	—	N/A	<a href="http://adm.elpasoco.com/planning/lcd/default.asp">http://adm.elpasoco.com/planning/lcd/default.asp</a> *
Elbert County	yes	unknown	no
Fremont County	—	N/A	N/A
Garfield County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.garfield-county.com/home/index.asp?page=788">http://www.garfield-county.com/home/index.asp?page=788</a> *
Gilpin County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/CommunityDevelop/20%20REGS%202005%20FINAL.doc">http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/CommunityDevelop/20%20REGS%202005%20FINAL.doc</a> *
Grand County	1978-5-4	05/16/1978	<a href="http://co.grand.co.us/Planning/Reg.%20books/1041%20Regulations.htm">http://co.grand.co.us/Planning/Reg.%20books/1041%20Regulations.htm</a>
Gunnison County	yes	12/19/1990	no (regulations currently under review by county commissioners)
Hinsdale County	—	N/A	no
Huerfano County	yes	unknown	no
Jackson County	yes	unknown	no
Jefferson County	CC74-95	unknown	<a href="http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/ext/policy/chap0501.htm">http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/ext/policy/chap0501.htm</a> and <a href="http://co.jefferson.co.us/ext/dpt/public_works/planning/zoning/zoning.htm">http://co.jefferson.co.us/ext/dpt/public_works/planning/zoning/zoning.htm</a>
Kiowa County	—	N/A	N/A
Kit Carson County	?	?	no
La Plata County	—	N/A	But see <a href="http://co.laplata.co.us/plan/code_revision/draft091704/toc.pdf">http://co.laplata.co.us/plan/code_revision/draft091704/toc.pdf</a> (Sept. 2004 draft—1041 regs. at Chap. 74)
Lake County	yes	unknown	no
Larimer County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.co.larimer.co.us/planning/planning/land_use_code/land_use_code.htm">http://www.co.larimer.co.us/planning/planning/land_use_code/land_use_code.htm</a> *
Las Animas County	yes	06/30/1976	no
Lincoln County	yes	03/08/1976	no
Logan County	?	?	no
Mesa County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.mesacounty.us/planning/land_dev_code_chapters.aspx">http://www.mesacounty.us/planning/land_dev_code_chapters.aspx</a> *

County	1041 Resolution No.	Originally Passed or Effective	Available on the Web (links last checked Nov. 1, 2005)
Mineral County	—	N/A	N/A
Moffat County	—	N/A	N/A
Montezuma County	—	N/A	<a href="ftp://206.168.68.47/Out/planning/LUC%20web%209-13-05.pdf">ftp://206.168.68.47/Out/planning/LUC%20web%209-13-05.pdf</a> *
Montrose County	—	N/A	<a href="http://www.co.montrose.co.us/LUD_ZoningResolution.pdf">http://www.co.montrose.co.us/LUD_ZoningResolution.pdf</a> *
Morgan County	yes	06/28/1977	<a href="http://www.co.morgan.co.us/Documents/Morgan%20County%20Zoning%20Regs-2004.pdf">http://www.co.morgan.co.us/Documents/Morgan%20County%20Zoning%20Regs-2004.pdf</a> * (see § 2-220)
Other Counties	04-15	09/27/2005	—



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**From:** [Pat Bird](#)  
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**From:** [Marie Wakefield](#)  
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**From:** [Stephen Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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Thanks,

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Thank you.

Please check box below \*

- I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification



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Dear Commissioners,

The Colorado River is in dire straits. While there are opportunities to address the River's myriad problems the politics surrounding all of these opportunities are fraught, which makes it unlikely that we will solve these problems in the near term. As we work toward finding solutions, however, it would be foolhardy in the extreme to spend \$400 million to lock in additional withdrawals from the system that are not needed. When Denver Water proposed the Gross Reservoir expansion project they claimed that it was needed to meet the demands of a growing population. Yet, even as Denver's population has grown, water demand has declined, and that has occurred with only modest efforts to conserve water use. Realizing that its original argument was no longer sound, Denver Water now claims the expansion is needed to balance its northern and southern supplies, and raising the specter of a catastrophic fire that could close off access to its southern supply. While I suppose it would be nice for Denver to balance its water supply this is not an adequate reason to exacerbate the already dire conditions facing the Colorado River system. Moreover, since the purpose and need for this project has changed, or the Corps must, at a minimum, revisit alternatives that would allow the southern supply to be better secured such that the northern supply is less important to Denver's water supply. Water utilities like Denver Water like to throw around words like resiliency and redundancy as if we can always afford to build these into the system without incurring environmental costs. They remind us that we all want water to come out of the spigot when we turn it on. Of course we do. But too often we turn to expensive and environmentally harmful engineering solutions when we can accomplish what we need through better and smarter management. Surely Denver Water can assure its customers a reliable water supply without expanding the Gross Reservoir.

Best regards, Mark Squillace

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#982] - [Name: Johnson, Daniel ] Re: Support of Gross Dam Raise  
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Address or General Area (optional)	 1030 Rosehill Drive Boulder, Colorado 80302 United Kingdom
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Subject *	Support of Gross Dam Raise
Comments, Question or Feedback *	Please review the attached file for my input to the upcoming public hearing on 14 March. I had planned to present this information in the public hearing portion of the meeting, but must be out of town on the 14th.
Attach a File (optional)	 <a href="#">gross_dam_rev0.docx</a> 15.54 KB • DOCX
Please check box below *	<input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

**From:** [Leslie Glustrom](#)  
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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

As a professional hydrogeologist with 35+ years experience focused primarily on water rights and water supply projects, I support the comments listed below against the Gross Reservoir expansion. I also want to point out that Denver Water has basically already killed the upper Colorado River. Perhaps you should take a field trip with their representatives to the reach beginning below Granby Reservoir. Having spent time on this particular reach for most of each of the last 25 years, it is sickening to see the conditions of this reach of the Colorado River continue to deteriorate. 20 cfs is not a sustaining winter time flow rate. There are algal mats within this reach of the river pretty much year-round the last few years, and this occurrence is a major problem for spawning. The last thing Denver Water needs is a reason to take even more of the upper Colorado River; at a minimum they need to start acting like mature adults and increase the winter time flow rates to greater than 40 cfs.

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The rivers can't spare it, and the added destruction to the already dammed area surrounding gross need to keep as much land above water as it can.

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I am a life-long resident of Colorado and have lived in Boulder County since 1971. I lived for 8 years up Magnolia Road and have hiked and mountain biked in the area proposed to be devastated by the enlargement of Gross Dam. I'm also an environmental and Native American rights attorney that has represented tribes against large dams for 40 years, in the Pacific Northwest. The United States "grossly" overbuilt dams in the 20th Century; indeed, many dams are now going through de-commissioning processes and are being torn down because of their devastating effects on many aspects of the environment. This is no time to be building more water storage. The 1922 Colorado River Compact "grossly" overestimated the available water to be allocated between the 7 upper and lower basin states. If you've not heard of the Drought Contingency Plan the US is attempting to negotiate with the 7 states now, please read about it online. The 7 states and the US are grappling with how to allocate Colorado River shortages to keep water in Lake Mead. The Denver Water ratepayers are being sold a bill of goods, for they will surely pay the bill for this "gross" mistake. Look at cities in the desert SW such as Phoenix and Las Vegas, which have done an admirable job of tightening their ratepayer water budgets. Denver Water should look to achieving the same levels of household water conservation. I also recreate often on the west slope and the LAST thing western Colorado needs is more water drained from its river and stream systems. I'd venture an educated guess that the new storage created at "Gross" Dam will sit empty far too often, and the dry shorelines will resemble those whitewashed walls of Lakes Mead and Powell. Stand up for the citizens of Boulder County and exercise your delegated authority under state law. That's what we elected you to do! More specifically:

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Dear Commissioners,

Please support the Land Use ruling to use Boulder County's 1041 powers to oppose Denver Water's Gross Reservoir expansion.

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**From:** [Pamela Hayes](#)  
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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#983] - [Name: Suderman, Carole] Re: Gross Reservoir  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 11:35:05 AM

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Name *	Carole Suderman
Email *	<a href="mailto:cjsude@yahoo.com">cjsude@yahoo.com</a>
Address or General Area (optional)	 Boulder
Subject *	Gross Reservoir
Comments, Question or Feedback *	I want to encourage you to please stand firm in opposing any expansion of the Gross Reservoir. From what I have learned, there would be untold damage to the environment which is not worth the benefits. It sounds like you are all opposed, so thank you! Know that we in the Boulder area do not want any changes to Gross Reservoir or the surrounding area.
Please check box below *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

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**From:** [Tanya Piker](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Lisa Alonzo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 12:11:57 PM

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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#13]  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 1:49:54 PM

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Name \* Kent Gorham

Email \* [gorham18@comcast.net](mailto:gorham18@comcast.net)

Enter your comments (or attach a comment document below): \*

Expand the dam! We need the water and the lands that will be flooded are not worth much for wildlife habitat. Plus the expanded shoreline greatly increases areas for shore birds and other marginalized species.

Please check box below \*

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**From:** [Waid Reynolds](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 2:24:35 PM

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**From:** [Suzanne Stensaas](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 2:29:27 PM

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I live in Utah and i oppose the Bear River Dam, the St. George Pipeline and your Gross dam expansion. The water in the Colorado River is already overcomited. We need to think of the public good and not just getting our share of a compact that was based on bad data .

Suzanne Stensaas

, Utah



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**From:** Gardner, Deb <[dgardner@bouldercounty.org](mailto:dgardner@bouldercounty.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 4:09 PM  
**To:** Case, Dale <[dcase@bouldercounty.org](mailto:dcase@bouldercounty.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Please vote no to Gross Dam expansion..

**From:** Andrew Currie <[andrew@currie.com](mailto:andrew@currie.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Gardner, Deb <[dgardner@bouldercounty.org](mailto:dgardner@bouldercounty.org)>  
**Subject:** Please vote no to Gross Dam expansion..

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**From:** [Jennifer Halstead](#)  
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**From:** [Hal Trufan](#)  
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**From:** [janet forman](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#985] - [Name: Waddington, Jan] Re: Gross Dam Expansion 1041  
**Date:** Thursday, March 07, 2019 10:14:54 AM

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Subject *	Gross Dam Expansion 1041
Comments, Question or Feedback *	1041 – Some say, "But what if we do run out of water?" There's an answer to that – ATMs (Alternate Transfer Mechanisms), lease, not buy and dry. Certainly better than a monster dam, or more water drained from the already over allocated Colorado River. We hear 80% of Gross is going to agriculture! Is it time to change that? Probably.
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Hello,

As a resident of Boulder County, I urge you to support your Land Use Director's determination that Denver Water is NOT exempt from the 1041 process. I also urge you to oppose this project and deny the local permit.

It is time for Boulder County to step up and oppose this travesty of a project that would have disastrous consequences forever. The thinking that went into planning this project is antiquated and cannot guide our future.

This project violates the National Environmental Protection Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

To meet water needs, water efficiency and conservation projects are more cost effective and already have been meeting Denver's growth. The costs of this project have not incorporated the environmental costs which are enormous.

This project would be the biggest construction project in the history of Boulder County, and would require UNACCEPTABLE and AVOIDABLE damage to our precious forest and wetland ecosystems.

Humans are just 0.01% of all life but have destroyed 83% of wild mammals mainly by destroying their habitat. About half the Earth's animals have been lost in the last 50 years.

When will we stop sacrificing ecosystem health and precious habitat just to uphold an outdated way of thinking?

This proposal is NOT in our community's best interest. We can work together to propose better more modern solutions that do not have such disastrous and unacceptable environmental impacts.

Please please please let's stop the way of thinking that has led our world to bring of collapse. Let's use innovation and respect for the environment to begin to solve our challenges. The scale of this project, the concrete needs, the impacts are all way beyond acceptable. Please stop this. We are smarter than this.

Thank you,  
Marca Hagenstad  
Eldora, CO 80466

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We are strongly opposed to the Gross Reservoir Dam. The vast destruction of trees and wildlife needs to stop, if we want to have a clean and abundant planet for our children and our children's children to inherit. It is essential that Denver Water undergo the 1041 process. Please do not give a permit for this incredibly destructive act, which will only create more destruction, to supply water to be made toxic through fracking and other misuses of our most precious resource, the source of all of life--water. The virus that is infecting our planet, that doesn't care if it kills the host, needs to be kept in check by we the people, making healthy decisions and responsible choices.

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Denver water published a report on the gross dam expansion project and said that it is an "environmentally friendly project".

That's a large untrue statement, commonly called a lie. If the Moffat Tunnel project was not completed the Windy Gap mitigation project would not be necessary, saving all taxpayers money. Where is the water board getting more than \$365 million to complete the project as their income comes from water taps? Who is really behind the project? Candelas has the Southern Ute indian tribe as a prime contractor. Makes you think, or should.

Thanks, Tony Zubricky

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C-DOTs' standard radius for road construction for semi-trailers is 51.1 feet. That is a minimum number for a driver to be able to make the turn without going left of center. None of the curves in Coal Creek Canyon meets that minimum turn radius so the whole idea of using the canyon for haulage is flawed from the start. People, wildlife and bikers will all be in great danger. What price do you put on a human life?

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First off, we would like to thank our Boulder County Commissioners for your sustained efforts to protect Boulder's unique values towards their living environment. As residents of the Lakeshore neighborhood at Gross Reservoir for forty years, we urge you, our elected officials, to support your Land Use Director's determination that Denver Water is NOT exempt from the 1041 process. If DW is allowed to bypass the 1041 regulation, it will result in disastrous consequences and impacts for Boulder County's environment and citizens. Our air will likely be denigrated by smoke particulates released during burning of slash and by emissions from heavy truck traffic and fly ash released from materials transport; our water could be poisoned by the leeching of heavy metals and mercury into South Boulder Creek and the waters of Gross Reservoir. The data Denver Water used in their FEIS is outdated; they should be held accountable to have CURRENT updated climate impacts, and studies proving no health degradation to humans and wildlife from befouled air, water and noise pollution if the project moves forward. We think you will find that further in-depth studies on potential impacts will prove that the Moffat Expansion is too big a risk to health and environment to ever be approved. As one of the few "still wild" places within 10 miles of Boulder and particularly since these lands abutt Walker Ranch, Open Space, as well as National Forest lands, all of which are heavily used by residents and recreationists, this area is a very valuable resource to Boulder County and deserves to be maintained in its natural state with its viewsheds intact. Respect is due as well for native species now living in the area, which include moose, bald eagles, ospreys, mink, and rare black foxes, none of which were mentioned in the FEIS as being threatened by a massive destructive building project like Moffat.. Many more of your constituents are opposed to this project than meets the eye and many more would be opposed to it if they knew all the damaging details. We have been fighting it for over 10 years. It must be stopped; if allowed to be built, the damage to lands, air, water, wildlife and humans will be irreparable. We urge you, our elected officials, to make Denver Water undergo the 1041 process, and then stop the project by denying them a local building permit.

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Comments, Question or Feedback \*

I'm a Boulder native who grew up on Marshall Road where we still own and use our family property. I'm concerned with Denver Water's ongoing campaign to expand Gross Dam for profit, at the expense of the environment and citizens' well being and safety.

The proposed expansion project would cause more harm than good.

Excavation, blasting, deforestation, and heavy vehicle traffic would negatively impact pristine forests, pollute the surrounding area, and encroach on residential properties near the Dam. It would severely affect water systems downstream, including El Dorado Springs, South Boulder Creek, and the entire flood plain area. Many of us have wells that will be affected by toxic runoff. The historic artesian spring in El Dorado Springs is directly below the Dam, suggesting unforeseen consequences affecting its water quality. Hiking, fishing, camping and other outdoor activities that help sustain our economy would be wiped out at the Dam and surrounding areas.

Denver does not need, or have claim to Boulder County's water. Expanding the reservoir will not provide a significantly increased water volume compared to the destruction involved in obtaining it. In years past we South Boulder residents have had to speak up against attempts to seize or alter our properties in the name of flood mitigation.

This external threat is far worse.

I urge you to reject Denver Water's aggressive attack on our sovereignty as a county, and as citizens. Listen to the will of the people, not the word of beurocrats and big companies who just want to make more money from the destruction of our foothills and streams.

Gross Dam must remain as it is.

We, the People are relying on you to do the right thing.

Thank you for your attention.

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I am asking you to exert your 1041 powers. The scale of the proposed Gross Reservoir expansion is so disproportionate to any other land use that can occur in the area. It will have a significant adverse impact to the environment, people living in the area, and people recreating.

There will be a net loss of almost a section of terrestrial habitat, including some significant riparian areas and significant winter range for elk, and replaced with reservoir habitat, which is far less diverse. The reservoir's expansion will further constrict the movement of elk between Winiger Ridge and Walker Ranch, who already must circumvent the reservoir. This is the same group of elk who's migration corridor was recently protected from expansion of the ski area and is threatened by expansion of Nederland.

Mitigation by the proponents is often "minimize" and "monitor." But there will still be large impacts that go beyond the scale of normal land use activities in the area.

Finally, protection of lands near Tolland has been offered as part mitigation for impacts to wildlife and wetlands, as these lands will be transferred to the Forest Service. It might just be this particular period we are in, but not sure that protects them.

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8 March 2019

Boulder County Commissioners  
Boulder, Colorado

Re: March 14<sup>th</sup> Hearing on Denver Water's Appeal of Land Use Director's Determination that the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project is Subject to "1041" Local Review

Dear Commissioners:

Since we will be out-of-town on the day of the hearing, we wish to hereby offer our views in writing endorsing the County L.U. Director's Determination that Denver Water's Gross Reservoir expansion project should be subject to the County's "1041" powers as detailed in Article 8 of the County's Land Use Code.

Our first and most important point is that the dramatic threatened impacts on the local environment and residential communities are directly relevant to the determination that 1041 powers should be invoked. Many residents of the foothills communities west of Boulder, who have been concerned about this "Moffat Project" for up to fifteen years, will appear at your hearing with arguments about the devastating impacts the would-be project would have on their lives and surroundings. You have specified that the hearing should be restricted to considerations of the 1041 applicability. But we want you to understand that the threatened impacts people will decry enhance the applicability of 1041 and thus are directly relevant to your task.

We reference the May 2017 report by A. Dakan, cited in your public announcement of this hearing ("Colorado Local Governments' Use of 1041 Regulations"). She writes that "the intent of HB 74-1041 was to protect the environment and lifestyle of the state." She quotes N. P. Panos: "The clear objective of H.B. 1041 is to assure that environmental impacts of new development are considered and mitigated." If the Gross Reservoir expansion project had minimal or no impacts on the environment and lifestyle of residents, 1041 powers would not be applicable. Because the impacts are so broad and serious, it is all the more important that you apply them in this case. Evidence concerning the degree and scale of impacts are relevant to your decision because they are so serious, both locally in Boulder County and statewide in the Colorado River valley.

In this letter, we first address the narrower question of whether 1041 regulations apply. Later we will summarize the broader issues that enhance the necessity of applying 1041 regulations in order to deny a permit to this project.

## Do 1041 Regulations Apply to the Gross Dam Project?

The state statutes (Title 24, Article 65.1, as revised) provide that local entities can define areas and activities of state interest to which 1041 regulations may apply. These specifically include impacts on the environment and on communities and are, in the case of Boulder County, substantially codified in the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Denver Water describes itself as a public utility (<https://www.denverwater.org/about-us>). Gross Dam is obviously a "key facility" of Denver Water. And the statutes provide that local entities can specify areas of "state interest" that are "areas around key facilities in which development may have a material effect upon the key facility or the surrounding community." The "materiality" of the effects of the proposed reservoir enlargement will be attested to by many community residents during the March 14<sup>th</sup> hearing. The state statutes require that, "Areas around major facilities of a public utility shall be administered so as to...preserve desirable existing community patterns." The existing communities around Gross Reservoir are rural in character with superb natural, recreational, and visual attributes; they would be dramatically and negatively impacted by the proposed expansion.

There are multiple ways in which Article 8 (dealing with 1041) of the County's Land Use regulations certainly apply:

\* Among the "Purposes and Intents" of this article are to "provide for the needs of...residential communities and recreation." Also to "Protect the beauty of the landscape" and "Regulate projects that would otherwise cause excessive noise, water, and/or air pollution, or which would degrade or threaten the existing environmental quality" within the unincorporated County. These needs and qualities are severely impacted by the proposed project.

\* Article 8-401 states that a permit is required for: "...any...municipal and industrial water project, which is proposed to be located in whole or in part in the unincorporated portions of Boulder County, and which meets any of the following criteria [including]:  
D. Expansion of any existing reservoir for a municipal or industrial or domestic treated water use." Gross Reservoir expansion is thus unambiguously required to have a permit. (Denver Water could argue that 8-404-A would exempt it from needing a permit; but "reservoirs" are already specifically included as requiring a permit in 8-401-D.)

Not only do 1041 regulations apply, but they require denial of permit for this project for numerous reasons, which we will mention below and about which others at the hearing will testify. 8-511 of the Land Use code requires that a permit be denied unless the proposal complies with "all" of the criteria specified in 8-511. There are many such criteria, for example: "The proposal shall not significantly degrade or pose a significant hazard to any aspect of the environment, including environmental resources and open space areas as identified in the Comprehensive Plan, and other features or elements that are deemed to be significant components of the natural environment worthy of preservation," including: changes in visual quality (such as viewsheds and appearance

of forest canopies) and adverse effects on quality and quantity of recreational opportunities and experiences. For water projects specifically, the project must provide for “the most efficient use of water” (which, in many ways, is the opposite of the purpose of the reservoir expansion, which would facilitate squandering of precious Colorado River water on bluegrass lawns in Denver).

### Ways in which the Gross Dam Expansion would have Consequences Dramatically Adverse to the Purposes of 1041 Regulations

Section 8-507 (D-7-b) of Boulder County’s 1041 regulations requires a very comprehensive environmental impact statement (EIS) to be submitted for \*all\* 1041 applications. The lengthy requirements parallel, in many respects, the requirements for federal EISs. As the Commissioners are aware, Denver Water submitted draft and final EIS’s [DEIS, FEIS] to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Indeed, the County submitted lengthy statements of disagreement about the adequacy of these statements (public comments on the FEIS were due 5 years ago). Notwithstanding the fact that the Army Corps approved the final EIS in 2017, it remains incredibly deficient in many ways. The only way that Boulder County can ensure that a major project like this would not be destructive to Boulder County is to demand that 1041 regulations be adhered to and that, as part of its application for a 1041 permit, Denver Water fix the innumerable problems with its Final EIS submitted to federal agencies. We believe, actually, that it is not possible to fix the EIS, as it represents the design of the current project, so that it could ever be compatible with Article 8 of the County’s Land Use Code.

Among the major problems with Denver Water’s EIS that remain unaddressed are:

- \* Denver Water violated the requirement of NEPA that all reasonable alternatives to enlarging Gross Reservoir be considered by failing to evaluate a conservation-intensive alternative. In this way, the “need” for the proposed project was defined in a way that contradicts the requirement of Boulder County’s 1041 regulations requiring “the most efficient use of water.” The goal of the project (even though it probably could not be met due to climate change) is to take even more water from the oversubscribed Colorado River for inefficient use by Denver Water.
- \* The study area in the EIS was restricted essentially to just the FERC-regulated boundaries (except along streams and roads) thus neglecting major impacts on natural areas and communities in Boulder County (and adjacent counties) extending thousands of feet or miles from the dam. It ignores impacts on migrating animals (despite being adjacent to a major elk migration route); noise from helicopters, blasting, and rock-processing operations; Chinook winds; bird populations, etc. Generally it adheres to generic, nominal standards rather than evaluating the actual conditions at the site. And raising the level of the reservoir would inundate a major natural feature, Forsythe Falls.
- \* For a project that would impact neighborhoods for five years (and probably many more), the EIS fails to consider the importance of near-term impacts on people and the environment, instead emphasizing effects in 2032. Many of the remaining years-of-life for senior citizens would be impacted by the project, but that issue is ignored by considering impacts during the project as

“temporary” hence inconsequential.

\* The Magnolia Environmental Protection Plan (MEPP), which was officially part of the County Comprehensive Plan, was wholly ignored in development of the EIS (except for a simple statement, which is false, that the project complies), despite admonishment by the County Commissioners near the beginning of the project design that Denver Water should heed MEPP. This exemplifies the minimal attention Denver Water has given to impacts on rural, unincorporated foothills communities. Only by requiring such consideration under a 1041 application could the interests of Boulder County be given some weight.

\* The FEIS totally ignores the consequences (e.g. wildfires and dust pollution caused by project activities) of Gross Reservoir being located in one of the most extreme wind corridors in the United States. The incompetent analysis is unaware of relevant wind data by the nearby Boulder/Denver Weather Bureau, NCAR, and NOAA, mentioning instead weather data from far outside the wind corridor. So the dust mitigation plan is a plain-vanilla generic version, wholly ignoring the specific issues with Chinook winds.

\* A major issue for local residents is how the hundreds of thousands of trees scheduled for removal will be removed without major negative consequences on local traffic. Yet the FEIS states that “it is unknown at this time the volume of trees that would be hauled off-site and the associated number of trucks.” This issue should be addressed in detail in advance before any approval of the project. The FEIS also claims that it could not analyze impacts on traffic because “no traffic volume data exists for county roads.” The Commissioners are well aware that this is an unprofessional and incorrect statement by Denver Water’s consultants who prepared the FEIS since such traffic data have been continuously available on the Boulder County website.

\* Destruction of the serene, quiet, rural ambience of the neighborhood and associated National Forest and Open Space lands. Instead of evaluating the degree to which the Project would degrade the existing conditions, the FEIS falls back on the least common denominator: the project will adhere only to minimal, generic County, State, and EPA standards for noise, air quality, and other degradations to the environment. The FEIS exhibits no understanding of rural lifestyles and the amenities of the communities surrounding the Reservoir, where narrow dirt roads are preferred, coyotes can be heard for miles, you can see “forever” through clear skies, and the abundant local wildlife are treasured.

\* Boulder County’s 1041 regulations require consideration of financial impact of a project on citizens. The FEIS denies that home values will drop, tax receipts will decrease, and people will move out of the area if the project proceeds. It is a ridiculous financial analysis: people have already moved away in part because of the proposed project and home values have certainly been affected. If the project were to commence, the impacts would be enormous.

\* Surveys of animals, birds, and plants conducted more than a dozen years ago for the Draft EIS were not updated. Therefore, moose – previously absent but now present – are omitted from consideration. Old surveys didn’t find red-tailed hawk nests, the FEIS says, but local residents

know that such hawks are abundant near Gross and nests within 1/3 mile of would-be project activities are bound to exist.

\* There is no consideration in the FEIS of the goals and purposes of the land-use classifications by the USFS and Boulder County of lands surrounding Gross Reservoir. The FEIS simply asserts that the Project does not conflict with existing land-use policies, but offers no analysis of why that is true...when it is obviously not true. The EIS is unaware of the purposes of the county's Environmental Protection Areas adjacent to the reservoir, of the Winiger Ridge Natural Landmark, or of the seasonal closure to vehicles of roads west of the reservoir (which addresses land-use policies of the Boulder Ranger District). The FEIS asserts that the project is compatible with the Forestry Zone that the county designates for lands around the reservoir, but it simply isn't true (one requirement is being in harmony with the surrounding area).

\* The EIS fails to respond to a central question of environmental injustice raised in the DEIS: the project is deemed necessary, in part, by a desire to lessen the already very limited occasions when a drought might force curtailed watering of thirsty Kentucky bluegrass on Denver lawns while rural residents near Gross Reservoir would suffer severe impacts from the project even as Colorado law prohibits them from using a drop of their well-water outside their homes. Why should it be guaranteed that residents of a city in a near-desert climate can water Kentucky bluegrass lawns, even during droughts? Indeed Denver Water rate-payers would be subsidized by Boulder County residents to the degree that the negative impacts of the project on them are not being *fully* mitigated or compensated.

\* The FEIS officially adopts the year 2006 as "Current Conditions." This was obsolete even when the DEIS was released and is even more egregious now. (And the FEIS relies on population projections a decade out-of-date.) Many things have changed in Denver Water operations and in socioeconomic conditions, including the Great Recession, since 2006. The FEIS is thus built on an obsolete fiction rather than actual current (or at least recent) conditions.

In conclusion, we urge the Commissioners to uphold the decision of the Land Use Director to insist that Denver Water seek a permit for the proposed project through the county's 1041 process. We are confident that if this process is followed there will be overwhelming evidence requiring denial of any permit for the project.

Thank you for considering our letter.

Yours truly,

Clark R. Chapman and Y Chapman

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Andrew—

Thanks for your email! I'm always happy to receive your input. I will forward your email to staff for inclusion in the public record, and so my fellow commissioners can see your comments too. As you may know, we have a hearing on this issue on Thursday, March 14, beginning at 4:30pm, here in the courthouse hearing room. If you are interested in making comments at the hearing, you may sign up and get more information [here](#).

Best,  
Elise

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Commissioner Jones,

Thank you for your service as a county commissioner. I enjoyed working together recently on the transition committee. And thank you for stepping forward to serve also on AQCC.

I respectfully ask that you use all of your administrative, regulatory, and legal powers – including “1041 power” granted to counties by the state – **to help stop Denver Water’s proposed expansion of Gross Dam and Reservoir** for the following reasons:

1. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion – which would increase the height of the concrete dam by 130 feet and inundate a substantial area of forest lands – would cause extraordinary negative impacts to many Boulder County residents. It would be the biggest construction project in Boulder County history, last 5 years, and involve the large-scale use of explosives and thousands of semi-tractor/trailer trips along the curvy mountain roads up to the dam construction site. **Importantly, the project would require a clear-cut of over 200,000 trees, turning the reservoir area into a denuded wasteland with fluctuating water levels.** All of these impacts would have a significant negative impact on the home values and quality of life of nearby residents. Further, the project would be hugely disruptive for the many Boulder County residents and visitors who recreate on the existing lake, in the surrounding Boulder County Open Space and National Forest lands, and along South Boulder Creek. The project would mar Boulder County’s reputation as an environmentally pro-active and responsible community and recreational paradise.

2. Denver Water doesn't need the water – despite claims in the Final Environmental Impact Statement that water demand will increase, **Denver Water's actual water use has decreased over the last several decades.** All across the West, past assumptions linking increased population growth to increased water demand have been proven wrong as people begin to appreciate the connection between water use and their environment. There is no reason to anticipate a different outcome in the Denver Water Service Area where environmental consciousness is high and water conservation strategies have been put into place.

3. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion would cost over \$400 million but won't provide meaningful benefits. In fact, despite the high cost and devastating impacts, the expansion of Gross Dam/Reservoir is not sufficient to meet the laundry list of needs that Denver Water proposes to address with the new Colorado River water. **Other alternatives, such as increased water conservation spending and outreach, are dramatically cheaper, faster, easier,** and make much more sense.

4. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion, by diverting an additional average of 5 billion gallons of water per year, **would increase the negative impacts on the health of the Fraser and Upper Colorado rivers in Grand County, Colorado, both of which have been nationally recognized as ecological important and imperiled from decades of diversion to the Denver area.** The Colorado River – from its source in Grand County all the way to the Gulf of California, 1,500 miles downstream – is the lifeblood of the West but is facing perilous threats from misguided development and climate change. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion is just one of several new projects threatening to drain the Colorado River at the exact time that we should be protecting and restoring this keystone river.

Thank you for protecting the citizens and environment of Boulder County,  
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I am a 25 year resident living on Pine Glade Rd, near Magnolia Rd. Regarding the protection of the environment offered by the 1041 permitting process, it is imperative that this process be followed due to the very inadequate environmental impacts studies that have been done the huge impacts the project will have.

We moved here just because of the environment, the wildlife, the solitude, the natural beauty of the area and a myriad of other factors. One thing we have noticed over the years is how sound carries in the foothills, being able to hear sounds of cars on Magnolia many miles away. The ambient noise level is very low, on the order of 40 db. This can go up to 80 db very quickly with cars on Magnolia, 1/3 mile away. I fear that the sounds of blasting, tree cutting, large trucks on Aspen meadows and Magnolia will make this place a living hell for many years. This will affect people and wildlife. With loss of habitat, migration paths, access to water in the reservoir, wildlife are likely to become more aggressive causing an increase in interactions between people and wildlife. Additionally there will no doubt be a loss of property value and consequent loss of tax income to the county.

The loss of up to 750,000 trees that contribute to removing CO2 from the air is not an environmentally wise choice, especially since Denver Water is considering burning those trees cause a bit increase in atmospheric CO2 and its concomitant effects on global warming The wood could be made available to locals who use wood as a primary heat source.

The project will also cause a loss of a pristine area used by many here for hiking and loss of an iconic waterfall near the bottom of the Forsythe trail.

Finally, there is the problem with water supply. The colorado river flow is down and the river is over subscribed. The extra water claimed by Denver Water does not sit well with regions downstream. Indeed, the Army Corps ended their approval with a caveat not to blame them if the reservoir cannot be filled. Since that is likely the case, what is the purpose of this project?

Please reject expansion by any means.

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**Cc:** [cpw@bouldermountainbike.org](#)  
**Subject:** Eldorado to Walker Ranch Connector  
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Hi,

I'm Mike Goldberg. I'm a long time resident of Boulder having attended college here in the 90's & 2000's and then moved back in 2010. I'm also employed in Boulder at Cuore of Switzerland. I'm writing in support of a mountain bike access trail from Eldorado to Walker Ranch.

I own a home in Boulder at 4211 Eaton Ct 80303. I have never driven to access the trail network in South Boulder (Marshall Mesa, Springbrook, Dowdy, etc.) I'm able to ride from my house to access the trails. A connector from Eldo to Walker would allow me to ride to Walker Ranch, Gross Reservoir, County road 68-J without having to climb and descend Flagstaff road that is becoming more and more dangerous with vehicle traffic. I'm in full support of an Eldo to Walker connector trail with MTB access. I again would never drive to Eldorado Springs as I can ride there from home. Thanks for your consideration!

Regards,

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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
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**Subject:** Contact County Commissioners [#990] - [Name: SCHMITTGORDON, LAVONNE] Re: Environmental impact on expansion of Gross Reservoir  
**Date:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 4:35:32 PM

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Comments, Question or Feedback \*

As a resident of PineGlade for 25 years, myself and my family enjoy the privilege of experiencing the beauty of this pristine area, amidst the beauty of changing seasons and co living with wildlife on our property and while hiking on the hidden trails near our home. What is not seen from Magnolia road is seen on the silent walks in nature, often in dawn and dusk hours while the human sleeps. The foothills are filled with wildlife that most do not see: eagles, hawks, the great horned owls in the barn below us, grouse crossing the road, porcupines, turkeys, fox, martens peeping out of rocks, regular Rocky Mt. birds, the coming and going of hummingbirds(aways on schedule, 1st week of Mary, leaving 1st week of Sept.) plus many other visitors for the summer. There are coyote packs that yip yip out their call early in the am, sounds which carry through the foothills, bobcats that live in the rocks near us, the mt. lion visits, and especially the bears. And now the increase of deer, moose and elk herds, all crossing the lower part of our property. I could document more!. More so, with a major disruption with building the dam near us would destroy this delicate balance of the cycle that is maintained in nature which animals have lived in for thousands of years. With bears, when there is scarcity of food they break into our cars and homes. Or coyotes and mt. lions becoming more aggressive, etc.

Also as a Community Health/Mental Health practitioner, I have seen minimal studies of this project projecting impacts on the physical /mental health (damages) done by noise and air quality, newborn to elderly! AND destruction of the social network here!

I strongly support the opposition of this project!!.. Thank you.

Please check box below \*  I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners; Hackett, Richard](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#22]  
**Date:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 5:12:00 PM

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Name \* Sandra Merrow

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Enter your comments (or attach a comment document below): \*

Hello,

I live at 226 Ronnie Road in Coal Creek and would like Denver water to go through the 1041 Land Use Determination process as they should. Following that I would like the permit denied Gross Dam Expansion.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.  
Sandra Merrow

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**From:** [Leslie Lea](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Mel Metje](#)  
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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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Dear Commissioners:

I stand by Dale Case's determination that Denver Water misinterpreted the "zoned land exemption" and Boulder Land Use code. If Denver Water bypasses the 1041 process, it will result in disastrous impacts for Boulder's environment and citizens. I urge you to make Denver Water undergo the 1041 process and then stop the project by denying the local permit.

From a personal perspective I am horrified by the prospect of such comprehensive (land, water, air, biota) extreme environmental degradation to a beautiful area of Boulder County and the potential of debilitating health affects for many of our citizens – should a project of this nature be allowed to move forward at ALL. Together we must put an end to the notion of a Gross Dam expansion – and do this as soon as possible. It's 'costing' too much already.

As a citizen of Boulder County I urge you to force Denver Water through the process and then deny the 1041 permit because of the environmental devastation this unnecessary project will cause to Boulder County.

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I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

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**From:** [Joy Smith](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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Dear Commissioners,

As a Boulder County resident who lives at 7578 Magnolia Drive, you are my elected officials. I urge you to support your Land Use Director's determination that Denver Water is NOT exempt from the 1041 process. This is basic. Why are you even considering otherwise? Many of the residents expect you to continue to show that Boulder is an example of sustainability (not just in words), but in actions. And this is one of those actions. I realize that none of you live up in unincorporated Boulder County near Gross Reservoir. Even more reason you need to rely on the scientific evidence and environmental data by your taxpayers who will be DIRECTLY impacted by this disastrous plan. Once the 1041 process has been completed by Denver Water and the truth and facts are evident, I urge you deny the permit and stop this unnecessary and environmentally awful project.

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**From:** [David Ippolito](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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- The Boulder County Land Use director was correct in his decision that the proposed Gross Reservoir expansion project is subject to Boulder County review.
- When initially permitted, there was no provision for future expansion of the dam and reservoir. It was implied and anticipated that future additional work would be evaluated when proposed.
- Water reservoir is not a generally permitted use for a property zoned "Forestry", except as provided for in the original construction. Any changes from original permit must be reviewed.
- The proposed expansion has significant impact on Boulder County lands and Boulder County residents, and therefore must be evaluated by Boulder County, which is the intent and spirit of the 1041 review law.

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I live at 1707 Ridge Rd, Nederland, Colorado. As a lifelong resident of Boulder County, now raising a second-generation Boulder County resident, I urge you, my elected officials, to support your Land Use Director's determination that Denver Water is NOT exempt from the 1041 process – which exists to ensure due diligence and protect our environment, values, and community future, all of which are at stake here.

I grew up at 60 Aspen Grove Court – where my parent's still have my childhood home – only a few miles from Gross Reservoir. I am a social scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, where my father also worked until the mid 1990s. In the 1970s, he discovered the land that he subsequently bought by hiking up from behind NCAR's Mesa Lab all the way to Forsythe Falls, which he fell in love with. Those falls continue to play a major role in my life – they were where I celebrated many birthdays as a child, they are where my husband proposed to me, and now I bring my own son there, hoping that he will also grow up to value the environment through such experiences.

I've shared at a previous hearing that I collected and compiled many stories from Boulder County residents about their own experiences of places near Gross reservoir and the meaning they attach to those places that enriches their lives. Places like Forsyth Falls play critical roles in peoples' lives – please, do not take that lightly. The 1041 process is here to examine the environmental and cultural impacts of proposed projects.

At NCAR I work with world renowned scientists. We know that our collective future does not depend on building dams that may never fill due to a changing climate and already over-allocated water rights on the Colorado River, but on conservation of water resources – which Denver Water is already doing very well.

Boulder County has an opportunity to live up to its global reputation and follow the lead of the cutting-edge science it hosts to uphold the values and voices of its citizens.

As a citizen of Boulder County, I urge you, our elected officials, to hear us and require that Denver Water be subject to the 1041 local authority based on the informed recommendation of your Land Use Director, Dale Case.

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## **Stories of loss: A brief cultural risk assessment of the proposed Moffat Collection System Project**

Heather Lazrus<sup>1</sup>

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### **Introduction**

Risk is the potential for loss. Under the proposed Moffat Collection System Project (subsequently referred to as the “Project”), risk is being displaced from Denver Water onto residents living in the vicinity of Gross Reservoir. Residents are unwilling to absorb the displaced risk that will manifest as deeply significant losses to their personal well-being, shared culture, and valued environment. Unanimous public opposition focuses on what it would mean to lose landmarks in the submerged area and lose the environmental qualities that attract residents to live in the mountain neighborhoods adjacent to Gross Reservoir (including quiet, safety, and proximity to wildlife).<sup>2</sup>

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I grew up on Aspen Grove Ct., a few short miles from the western edge of Gross Reservoir. On 20 December 2012, I testified at the Boulder County Commissioners’ Public Hearing on the Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Water concerning the Moffat Collection System Project. I spoke of my experiences celebrating my life’s milestones – childhood birthdays and recent engagement – at the Forsythe Falls, a landmark that will be submerged by the proposed Project.

Believing in the power of stories and an anthropological analysis of what Denver Water’s proposed Moffat Collection System Project, also known as the Gross Dam expansion, means to residents living in proximity of Gross Reservoir, I solicited “Gross Reservoir Stories” from people on several email listserves. This document is a cultural risk assessment based on the responses I received. All quotations used in the text have been taken verbatim from the stories. Please see Appendix A for a selection of the complete stories as written by respondents.

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<sup>2</sup> The Gross Reservoir Dam will be raised 131 feet according to the draft Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license application, tripling the size of the reservoir and increasing traffic and construction pollution enormously in the meantime.

Below, quotes from residents' stories about these losses are presented in a brief cultural risk assessment.<sup>3</sup> The assessment is being offered to the Boulder County Commissioners to demonstrate the personal and cultural importance of Gross Reservoir and landmarks such as the Forsythe Falls to mountain residents who live in the area surrounding Gross Reservoir.<sup>4</sup> Culture is about shared meaning. Major themes that emerge in these stories are about the shared meaning of loss that has to do with ritual, life's milestones, family, and personal and professional identity. Stories also illustrate the physical and emotional feelings of pain people feel in anticipation of these losses.

The sheer beauty of the area is evoked in all stories. Forsythe Falls trail, in particular, is highlighted as a unique gem with almost magical qualities – a sentiment shared by one hiker who annotated the small wooden sign that used to stand at the trailhead: "Welcome to Narnia." The Forsythe Falls and a portion of the trail leading to it would be submerged by the Gross Reservoir Expansion. An area likely visited in the past by resident Northern Arapaho tribal members would be inundated. The valley through which the trail descends to Forsythe Falls and then to Gross Reservoir has a microclimate that is unique in the Rocky Mountains, making it lush and reminiscent of temperate rain forests in much wetter climates, and therefore attracting abundant plant and animal species diversity. Residents and visitors alike value this gem of Boulder County. As one respondent states, "[t]he hike to Forsythe Falls is one of the best short hikes in the Magnolia area. Words really cannot do this walk justice. It has to be experienced" (6). Although words may be inadequate, the following sections are brief attempts to explain the risks and losses mountain residents are unwilling to bear.

### **Ritual and sacred space**

The Forsythe Falls trail, which leads to the majestic waterfalls and on to the western shores of Gross Reservoir, is entwined with peoples' lives. It offers a place that is familiar yet sacred. As groups and individuals move through the landscape they recall other innumerable times that they have walked the same trail and, in performing that ritual, they recognize and contemplate what it is to live and raise a family in this place, and to share the experience with friends and visitors. Place attachments and identity are important ways of talking about the environment and what it means to people in a deeply personal way. Anthropologist Keith Basso has written that cultural and personal connections to place become most salient when those places are threatened: "It is then we come to see that attachments to places may be nothing less than profound, and that when these attachments are threatened we may feel threatened as well" (Basso 1996:171).

- "It is a summer ritual for us to make the first trip of the season down the waterfall trail and it signals that summer has indeed arrived. Our lives will be sadly diminished without this ritual. Nor will it be the same to walk down the trail to the reservoir without a stop at the waterfall. To

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<sup>3</sup> Quotations from resident's stories are referenced using a number system that corresponds to the number of the story as presented in Appendix A. Quotations rather than the full stories have been used for the purpose of analysis, but the full stories should be read as testimonies in their own right.

<sup>4</sup> This assessment is not a catalogue of potential impacts from the Project nor an exhaustive list of the risks faced by residents as expressed in public testimony and emails to the Commissioners.



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- “We had been enchanted by what I called "the waterfall trail"--the trail from CR68 to Gross Reservoir. It was such a treat to walk that trail at various times of year, witnessing the change of season and the stunning natural beauty along the trail next to the seasonal stream....When my daughter was born in 2007, it was the first "hike" I took with her--her little body strapped next to me in a wrap. It has been our summer ritual, going there almost every weekend in the summer since she was weeks old” (2).
- “Nature is my church. The trees, the animals, the water, the soil, the air are the community of this church.” (8)
- “Even for people who live nearby a trip to the waterfall is a special hike. It is usually a greatly looked forward to hike once or twice during the summer for me, not unlike a holiday” (4).
- “You return refreshed and nourished by all the beauty you have witnessed.” (6)

### Life’s milestones

Rituals mark life’s milestones. For those who live and grow up with Forsythe Trail in their backyard, learning to walk, celebrating birthdays, and even marrying your spouse are some of the milestones that are performed not at the local Chuck E. Cheese’s or church, but in the woods just feet from the Gross Reservoir.

- “When my daughter was born in 2007, it was the first "hike" I took with her--her little body strapped next to me in a wrap. It has been our summer ritual, going there almost every weekend in the summer since she was weeks old. I remember when she was tiny and she did a little crawling by the stream, and then the next year toddling along the trail, and then when she was 3 she was able to walk "almost" the whole way on her own. When she was 4, she made it the whole hike down to the water--and we had a celebratory picnic at the end. This past summer, she was able to walk both ways alone! (Yippee, no more carrying her in the backpack!) For our little family, the waterfall trail is a special place for us, a destination near our home which has a great hike, a beautiful waterfall (who is not enchanted by a waterfall?), and sort of a yearly "marker" for my daughter's growth. There are not other places like that nearby” (2).
- “We decided to move from our respective homes and share one. We were looking at property in Oregon. A house became available here and we re-decided to stay in the area because now this place that is so close to the area we love was available. We moved here over seven years ago. We were married here, we provide our horses and dogs a wonderful, safe, clean environment here” (5).
- “One year our neighbor's birthday celebration was to take a hike to the waterfall with her husband and three dogs” (4).

## Livelihood

Many people who live in the Magnolia, Lazy Z, and Coal Creek neighborhoods that would be affected by the Project rely on environmental attributes of the area for their livelihoods. Examples range from artists' studios (Magnolia has participated in Boulder County's Open Studios project in recent years), yoga and meditation centers, and organic farming.

- "I am a fine art photographer working in the mountains of southern Boulder County along County Road 68 and near Gross Reservoir. If the reservoir project proceeds, then how am I supposed to be reimbursed for lost scenery and the wildlife that no longer visit my house? Instead of walking in the morning, will I be forced to drive for my photography? What price will be placed on my art so that Denver Water customers can continue to waste water on green lawns, a luxury that I neither desire nor am permitted by law?" (7).
- "We are a family of five living on an organic farm ([peacefulmeadowfarm.org](http://peacefulmeadowfarm.org)) directly up stream from Gross Reservoir on a beautiful mountain meadow which drains into Gross. The CR 68 trail head for FS road 357 is within walking distance to our farm and home" (3).

## Natural beauty shared with family, friends, and visitors

As illustrated above, the Forsythe Falls area is entwined with residents' lives in significant ways. It is also one of the nearest and most popular wilderness experiences for residents of the City of Boulder and other Front Range communities. Non-residents are equally enamored with the trail, but are less likely to know of the proposed Project and to be able to voice their own opinions.

- "Aside from our own use of this trail system and national forest area we get to see firsthand the diversity of visitors that come to this little jewel of a natural area" (3).
- "Each year our friends look forward to our summer invitation to join us for lunch, and then hike the waterfall trail, or trail 359 down to the waterfall, just above the Gross Reservoir. They bring their dogs, and kids, and we take about 2 hours to enjoy our hike along the trail and stream, stopping to play in the water before we reach the waterfall, where we sit and admire it for perhaps half an hour while we talk. It is by far the highlight of our hike, and the main reason we take the trail. This landmark is so appreciated by our friends that they drive all the way from Golden and Louisville to join us, and then back down at the end of the day with wet, happy dogs, and ready for another good meal" (4).
- "How about the wonder of quiet riding our horses to the reservoir or hiking down the stream to the waterfall and just resting there with our little children in the peace" (10).

## Sadness and pain

The risk of losing the Forsythe Falls and the mountain environment that most residents intentionally chose for their home manifests in feelings of sadness and pain. Imagining the future that is likely if the Project proceeds leaves holes in residents hearts.

- “Our lives will be sadly diminished without this ritual. Nor will it be the same to walk down the trail to the reservoir without a stop at the waterfall. To know the waterfall is no more will leave a hole in our hearts. There are places and rituals that tie you to a locality, that make you feel a part of the place and this is one of them” (1).
- “It saddens me immeasurably to think that the waterfall trail to Gross Reservoir might not be there as my daughter grows. We plan to live in this area for a long time, and having that natural area is one of our treasures” (2).
- “Fast forward now—Denver Water has initiated construction of a new dam 131 feet taller than the present one. The atmosphere is rife with the jarring sounds of chain saws, helicopters flying low airlifting away our precious trees, as well as the source of carbon sink, forever. Shrubs, native grasses, 100 year old trees succumb to the steel jaws of a hungry hydroaxe machine and in their stead we are left with piles of slash and debris to be later burned in incinerators, polluting the air with noise and toxic emissions. The large animals flee, the elk on Winiger can no longer calve there, and their winter and spring refuge will soon be underwater. The destruction forces the mountain lions and bobcats into the human neighborhoods surrounding the rez, since most of the wildlife corridors to the water have been destroyed or disturbed. The birds, once so prolific and full of song, have gone elsewhere; the deciduous trees once abundant along the shoreline, no longer provide shade for humans and wildlife” (11).

## Conclusion

Environmental Justice (EJ) is a field of inquiry that studies the risks and losses people face from adverse environmental change. Scholars of EJ show that communities that are forced to shoulder displaced risks from resource management or anthropogenic climate change without due consideration, just solutions, and appropriate compensation suffer irreparable damage.

While deeply personal, the stories articulated by residents in the proximity of Gross Reservoir are not unique. In a place that is very different from the Rocky Mountains, islanders from the low-lying Pacific Island nation of Tuvalu are negotiating similar issues as they face the loss of their homes from rising sea levels. Tuvaluans too risk the loss of their culture if climate policies do not take their voices into account (Lazrus 2012, Farbotko and Lazrus 2012). Although on a much different scale, mountain residents in Boulder County are petitioning their government to make a decision that preserves their culture and personal connections to the land by denying the Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Water and doing all within their authority to prevent the Project.

Residents affected by the proposed Project and Gross Reservoir Expansion are not falling into the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) trap. By living in the mountains, residents accept numerous risks associated with wildfire, winter storms, and long commutes. Conversely, risks faced by the Denver Water Board (namely their ability to maintain supply in the face of population growth and climate change) are being unduly

displaced into mountain residents. These risks are not the residents' to bear. Ensuring adequate water resources in the western United States is a pressing issue that will become increasingly dire as climate change accelerates and water availability diminishes (USGCRP 2009). As many have testified in public hearings, the likelihood that West Slope water will be available for Denver Water's use in the expanded Gross Reservoir is far from certain given both climate change projections as well as contested water rights (Bureau of Reclamation, no date). Novel and just strategies are called for that will protect the rights of citizens who have made their homes and chosen to conduct their lives in areas that are threatened by interests more aligned with the growth and development of different places.

Concerned residents chose Boulder County for the principles it practices: "A shining example to us of quality, long-term planning for community and environmental sustainability was the history of planning in the City of Boulder, Boulder County, and the involvement of citizens groups like "PLAN-Boulder County," with the initial "Blue Line," subsequent purchases of Open Space, and strict limits on development in Environmental Conservation Areas" (9). Now Boulder County has the opportunity to be a world leader and act in concert with the ideals and values of its citizens to promote conservation. An environmental justice approach to risk analysis holds that risks cannot be displaced onto people who do not stand to benefit in any way. In the words of another resident:

"There is a time and a place for most everything, but a higher dam in this location and at such a cost both monetarily, and in natural losses, is unfathomable. Boulder County Commissioners, PLEASE, use your 1041 powers to enforce your own Land Use Regs. This is the wrong place, and the wrong time, for a destructive project of this magnitude. Putting conservation first, we can manage Front Range growth sustainably, and keep our natural places wild. Signing an IGA with Denver Water is premature, and highly unfair to stakeholders directly affected by the permanent impacts of a higher dam. The facts are not all in, the final EIS has yet to be issued, and the alternatives to the Moffat Project have not been thoroughly researched in light of the constant additions in cost to the preferred alternative" (11).

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**Appendix A: Selected stories, unabridged****Story 1**

Winding your way down along the babbling brook, with tall spruce towering over you, the waterfall trail seems magical and secretive, like a place in a story book. Always cool in the summer and serene in the winter, it quietly leads you to the thrill of the waterfall, with spray flying and mosses clutched in the cracks of the wet rocks. From there, you clamber over the rocks and the world seems to open up, as the narrow canyon widens, and you make the last bit of the trek to the edge of Gross Reservoir. We've lived on Range Road, off of Magnolia, for 25 years. Whenever guests come to visit, we take them for a walk down and up the waterfall trail (from FS359 to the reservoir). This scenic trail captures the feel of the Rocky Mountains, yet is easy enough for young and old alike, while still preserving the feel of a wild place. It is a summer ritual for us to make the first trip of the season down the waterfall trail and it signals that summer has indeed arrived. Our lives will be sadly diminished without this ritual. Nor will it be the same to walk down the trail to the reservoir without a stop at the waterfall. To know the waterfall is no more will leave a hole in our hearts. There are places and rituals that tie you to a locality, that make you feel a part of the place and this is one of them.

**Story 2**

We moved to the Magnolia Area in 2000, drawn to the quiet and natural beauty of this area. In our search for land, we zero-d in on the area around CR68 as where we wanted to live. We had been enchanted by what I called "the waterfall trail"--the trail from CR68 to Gross Reservoir. It was such a treat to walk that trail at various times of year, witnessing the change of season and the stunning natural beauty along the trail next to the seasonal stream.

When my daughter was born in 2007, it was the first "hike" I took with her--her little body strapped next to me in a wrap. It has been our summer ritual, going there almost every weekend in the summer since she was weeks old. I remember when she was tiny and she did a little crawling by the stream, and then the next year toddling along the trail, and then when she was 3 she was able to walk "almost" the whole way on her own. When she was 4, she made it the whole hike down to the water--and we had a celebratory picnic at the end. This past summer, she was able to walk both ways alone! (Yippee, no more carrying her in the backpack!) For our little family, the waterfall trail is a special place for us, a destination near our home which has a great hike, a beautiful waterfall (who is not enchanted by a waterfall?), and sort of a yearly "marker" for my daughter's growth. There are not other places like that nearby.

It saddens me immeasurably to think that the waterfall trail to Gross Reservoir might not be there as my daughter grows. We plan to live in this area for a long time, and having that natural area is one of our treasures. Also, the projected traffic in the area with the construction/logging is a major scare for me, as I know that this is the road where my daughter will ride her bike, walk, and ride horses. We are a homeschooling family, and the quiet and safety of the roads is a big issue for us. I hope that the well

being and safety of the children of this area can be considered with what I feel is an unnecessary expansion of Gross Reservoir.

### **Story 3**

We are a family of five living on an organic farm ([peacefulmeadowfarm.org](http://peacefulmeadowfarm.org)) directly up stream from Gross Reservoir on a beautiful mountain meadow which drains into Gross. The CR 68 trail head for FS road 357 is within walking distance to our farm and home. Aside from our own use of this trail system and national forest area we get to see first hand the diversity of visitors that come to this little jewel of a natural area. We are only 30 minutes from Boulder, yet the greater Magnolia area, and especially the forests surrounding Gross seem like a remote high mountain oasis. Every visitor to our farm remarks on the beauty and remoteness of our area. It's this special undeveloped nature of the area that makes it so unique for the front range. We live so close to the front range urban sprawl, yet you feel as if there is a vast distance separating the two worlds. All of this incredible natural wonder surrounding this community would be upended if work begins on the Gross Dam expansion. This amazing natural area, with it's plethora of wildlife, would be adversely effected by devastating traffic and deforestation to make room for a larger reservoir. This isn't a reservoir out in the plains with nothing surrounding it, but rather a delicate forest eco system full of amazing wildlife and pockets of undisturbed habitat.

The simple fact that there are so few of us living around Gross makes it difficult to imagine our voice impacting decisions at the County level. But, my hope is that the history of Boulder County and it's progressive lean towards preserving special landscapes such as we live in will help steer their conscience towards protection rather than wholesale development. Why is this expanded water needed, and can't the urban areas implement better water efficiency measures to yield the same benefits. How many millions of dollars could be put towards water efficiency rather than destroying such a fragile and spectacular natural asset? We are a state that prides itself on wilderness, outdoor recreation and healthy lifestyles, yet if we destroy all of the areas that provide for these endeavors what will we then be left with?

We are a family of five striving to educate our community on the benefits of organic and sustainable agriculture, and hopefully we can help steer our collective lives a little more towards living in harmony with nature. It would just be plain idiotic to destroy what nature has provided us for a short sighted need to further unnecessary development on the plains.

The impact on our life and our farm would be significant. We use the forest around here for community activities (rockclimbing, hiking, horeseback rides, x-c skiing, etc.) and I feel like all of these would be severely effected.

### **Story 4**

Each year our friends look forward to our summer invitation to join us for lunch, and then hike the waterfall trail, or trail 359 down to the waterfall, just above the Gross Reservoir. They bring their dogs, and kids, and we take about 2 hours to enjoy our hike along the trail and stream, stopping to play in the water before we reach the waterfall, where we sit and admire it for perhaps half an hour while we talk.

It is by far the highlight of our hike, and the main reason we take the trail. This landmark is so appreciated by our friends that they drive all the way from Golden and Louisville to join us, and then back down at the end of the day with wet, happy dogs, and ready for another good meal.

Even for people who live nearby a trip to the waterfall is a special hike. It is usually a greatly looked forward to hike once or twice during the summer for me, not unlike a holiday. One year our neighbor's birthday celebration was to take a hike to the waterfall with her husband and three dogs. I also recall the time we meet our neighbors near the waterfall when the mother was about 7 months pregnant.

I remember one beautiful picnic we had down there with our neighbors when I was very little, maybe 7 years old. We ate on the warm sunny rocks, rather than at one of our houses, which perhaps would've been easier, but oh so different.

When we hike the trail we usually keep our eyes out for wild raspberries to snack on. This last summer we also gathered wild arnica flowers with a friend of ours who was going to dry them, and use them to make arnica oil.

In addition to plants, when we reach a certain little pool, we look around for the little water snake we found a couple times slithering through the water. One year we found the pool full of little fish, despite it's distance from the reservoir, and the fact that it was drying up in the late summer.

### **Story 5**

When I first met Lori, my wife, she and her roommate brought me to the National Park entrance just off CR 68 for a day of snowshoeing. I lived in Longmont at the time and did not know about this area. We snowshoed all over and from several rises were able to see the frozen reservoir. The following summer she asked me to go camping with her, we came up here again with our five dogs and had a wonderful time exploring and playing with the dogs.

We decided to move from our respective homes and share one. We were looking at property in Oregon. A house became available here and we re-decided to stay in the area because now this place that is so close to the area we love was available. We moved here over seven years ago. We were married here, we provide our horses and dogs a wonderful, safe, clean environment here. It's so quiet I can hear my horse eating hay from several yards away, we have wildlife here, real wildlife, a herd of elk live here, a bobcat visits one of our horses, we have a sky full of stars at night.

It is beautiful and pristine here. This is our home for all the reasons above.

All efforts to conserve this area should be made. Raising the level if the reservoir without first enacting all measures of conservation first, should be examined. Using this water for development in an area with plutonium or for fracking, is irresponsible and will cause irreversible damage.

### **Story 6**



### “Hiking to Forsythe Falls”

The hike to Forsythe Falls is one of the best short hikes in the Magnolia area. Words really cannot do this walk justice. It has to be experienced.

Although I live near enough to the falls that I can start at my door step, a common starting place is the trail head near the 68J parking lot. From there it is a one mile walk along a babbling brook. The brook flows down a narrow valley ringed with cliffs and full of old growth trees. At one point the brook gently cascades down a series of shallow dipping pools carved in the granite floor of the valley. At another point, the valley opens up into a meadow full of wild flowers. All this can even be enjoyed in the heat of the summer because the narrow valley is always pleasantly cool.

You come to the falls rather suddenly. One moment you are admiring the tall trees and soaring cliffs, and the next you are standing on a boulder overlooking a shear drop off. The brook negotiates some small cascades before plunging about 20+ feet off a cliff into a pleasant pool at the base of the falls.

From there the brook rounds a bend before merging into Gross Reservoir.

The easy hike back to the trail head leaves time to contemplate the beauty of nature. You return refreshed and nourished by all the beauty you have witnessed.

### Story 7

“I am a fine art photographer working in the mountains of southern Boulder County along County Road 68 and near Gross Reservoir. If the reservoir project proceeds, then how am I supposed to be reimbursed for lost scenery and the wildlife that no longer visit my house? Instead of walking in the morning, will I be forced to drive for my photography? What price will be placed on my art so that Denver Water customers can continue to waste water on green lawns, a luxury that I neither desire nor am permitted by law?

I place immeasurable value on the wild places surrounding my peaceful home. They sustain me when I need serenity, they provide hiking trails and biking when I need exercise, and they are an environmental respite from the development that is rampant along the Front Range. Judging by the many county residents that run, bike, and hike on Magnolia, I am not the only one who finds value in a land that is not crisscrossed by unnecessary logging trucks and construction noise.

Many of us stop our cars and herd wildlife off of our rural dirt roads, and we sometimes halt traffic in the process. Will the logging and construction trucks be willing to do the same? Like most of Magnolia’s residents, I walk the area’s roads for pleasure and for access to trails. Will the logging and construction trucks value our daily walks, or will the safety of these everyday rituals be threatened by constant construction traffic? Even if I’m safe, I cannot imagine our quiet evening strolls interrupted by the sound of air brakes and dynamite. Sound carries a long distance in these mountain canyons.

I have hiked and photographed the Flagstaff and Magnolia areas for more than 20 years. I know where the hawks nest, and I know where the woodpeckers live along the Waterfall Trail. I know where the elk migrate, and I know where the bobcats have their dens. There are hidden springs and waterfalls, wild raspberries and aspen groves. It's painful to think that these places might be flooded and lost forever. Areas near my home that aren't flooded will be off-limits, dusty, and filled with the noise of tree and rock removal rather than the call of a chickadee. Why should this gorgeous mountain scenery be valued less than the water-hungry developments around Denver?

I am desperate for someone who has the political clout to stand up and help us save this beautiful land."

### **Story 8**

Let me tell you what Forsythe fall means to me.

I do my Chi Kung practice at Forsythe falls and with Forsythe falls.

Through movement, through breath, I nourish myself. I fill myself with wisdom, peace, energy, and guidance of the soil, the trees, the stream, the sky, and the waterfall. I live, I experience the beauty of this site. I love these trees, this stream, all the beings that are part of this site. The experience leads me to grow in my Love for all things, for all beings on this planet.

I am a dancer. Nature is present in my dance. I am a therapist. Nature is present in my therapy. Nature is also present in my daily life, as a mother, a wife, and a woman.

Nature is my church. The trees, the animals, the water, the soil, the air are the community of this church.

Now, close your eyes, and imagine that your home and country is being invaded by a force that does not respect you, that wants to destroy your church and its community. How does this feel to you?

Now, this outside force wants to control you even more and wants to poison your soil, your water and your food. How does this feel to you?

You now know what the Gross Dam expansion, fracking in Boulder County, GMO on public lands, development of Rocky Flats feels like to me.

But there is a deep, strong instinct for life in each of us. We can act. So let's act. Use the 1041 powers to block the Gross Dam expansion. Invite a very competent lawyer to argue our case. Someone who fully believes in our cause. We don't want anyone, least of all ourselves, to prevent us from being fully alive.

Does It sounds impossible? Nothing is impossible! Think of Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill,

Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King - they all showed us the path forward.

### **Story 9**

I lived much of my life in suburban Tucson, in Pima County, Arizona. Pima County is a very large county, with mountains and deserts, and bears the same relationship to Tucson that Boulder County does to Boulder and Longmont. In the late 1980s, I served on Pima County's Planning & Zoning Commission. Several of us were environmentally oriented and sometimes could even muster a majority. A shining example to us of quality, long-term planning for community and environmental sustainability was the history of planning in the City of Boulder, Boulder County, and the involvement of citizens groups like "PLAN-Boulder County," with the initial "Blue Line," subsequent purchases of Open Space, and strict limits on development in Environmental Conservation Areas.

When circumstances brought my wife and me to Boulder in the mid-90s, we looked for a mountain neighborhood that was rural or exurban in character and would remain that way. We responded to an "End of the Road" classified ad for a house on property at the end of Lazy Z Road, bordering on the National Forest. We were aware that the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan designated the entire Winiger Ridge area west of Gross Reservoir as an Environmental Conservation Area. Within days of moving in, we walked down the extension of Lazy Z Road to the Reservoir and, during that beautiful walk, dreamed up the name for our homestead: "Rancho Europa," named after the icy/watery moon of Jupiter. We were confident that the longstanding policies of the Forest Service and the County would preserve the qualities of the neighborhood of our "dream home" for perhaps the rest of our lives.

We cannot believe that Boulder County would do anything other than fight to the bitter end to preserve its national reputation for responsible land use planning, which its citizens can count on to be maintained. It is inconceivable that Boulder County would bow to intimidation and relinquish its state-given powers to maintain the integrity of its own Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code. If even Boulder County can succumb to the pressures for the environmental travesty of the Moffat project, then there is little hope in the end for the preservation of the American West.

### **Story 10**

How about the wonder of quiet riding our horses to the reservoir or hiking down the stream to the waterfall and just resting there with our little children in the peace. . . .conserve water--don't work to provide the water waters MORE water.

### **Story 11**

#### A DAY IN THE LIFE... AND BEYOND...IN LAKESHORE PARK

I arise with the sun, do my yoga stretches, then head to the kitchen to gratefully accept the cup of joe my hubby brews each morning. Weather-permitting, I sit outside on our east-facing deck and revel in the quiet beauty of our secluded yard, watching our bird friends come and go from the feeding station. They are a gregarious and very vocal mix of juncos, chickadees, mountain jays, but during the warmer weather, we frequently enjoy the company of less frequent visitors—Western tanagers, bluebirds, cedar waxwings, who are drawn to the forest and reservoir as sources of food and refuge. Deer, foxes, bears, elk and sometimes bobcats and turkeys steal by further down in the woods. Life is good. Life is quiet.

Retirement here after 25 years pounding the pavement as a carrier for the USPS is sweet. We feel very lucky to have chosen this place to live and settle in, immersed in natural surroundings. At 9 AM sharp, our little mutt reminds me by gently prodding my knee with her long snout, that it is time to giddy-yup and take her for her daily walk to the dam, accompanied by her two canine friends who live on adjoining acreages. Off we go for the next hour or more, to enjoy the freedom, sights and smells of our mountain retreat, which has been our home for 34 years. On these forays to the dam, or sometimes to the jumping rocks if we want a change of pace, we often sight deer and elk bedding down in the aspens, or a lone eagle perched in a high snag scoping the water for his dinner, or an occasional mountain lion leaning over his most recent kill. In the wintertime, bobcat and fox tracks abound in the snow.

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Will it all return one day? Maybe. Will it recover in four years after the construction is to be finished? Not likely. Replanting, the relocation of recreational facilities, added traffic and commuter vehicles from the rehabilitators bringing more noise and dust for an un-determined length of time, will continue the disruption of lives. Sedimentation in the water and floating debris will take years to settle. Some of the scars, like the rock quarry, will never heal or be reclaimed. Forsythe Falls, a beautiful waterfall historically frequented by American Indian camps, is forever inundated.

There is a time and a place for most everything, but a higher dam in this location and at such a cost both monetarily, and in natural losses, is unfathomable. Boulder County Commissioners, PLEASE, use your 1041 powers to enforce your own Land Use Regs. This is the wrong place, and the wrong time, for a destructive project of this magnitude. Putting conservation first, we can manage Front Range growth sustainably, and keep our natural places wild. Signing an IGA with Denver Water is premature, and highly unfair to stakeholders directly affected by the permanent impacts of a higher dam. The facts are not all in, the final EIS has yet to be issued, and the alternatives to the Moffat Project have not been thoroughly researched in light of the constant additions in cost to the preferred alternative.

**From:** [Mary Maxwell](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Dam expansion  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:23:56 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am an 11th grader at Fairview High School, and I am writing to you through my mother's email address. I strongly oppose any expansion of Gross Dam Reservoir for many reasons. Those reasons are because of the environmental damage it will do to cut down so many trees and take away so much wildlife habitat. My friends come to our house north of the Reservoir to get away from the stresses of being a high school student in Boulder, and we are fearful that the many years of construction will disturb the peaceful quietness of that entire area. I am also concerned about the increase in traffic on the area roads. As a new driver it is scary enough to drive on mountain roads without having big construction trucks to make it even harder. I also don't think it is right to pipe water from the western side of the Continental Divide even if you own that water. It would be OK to use that water in the area where it originated but it just seems like bad policy to allow it to be transported so far away. I am much more in favor of conserving water in Denver. It should be against the law to have non native bluegrass lawns that use so much precious water. The 1041 law was enacted for this very reason, and Denver Water should have to abide by the protections this law gives to the residents of Boulder County.

Since I am only 16 years old and plan to live a long life I will have to endure the disastrous results of any dam expansion. I urge you to stop this effort by Denver Water to expand Gross Dam.

Thank you.

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Dear Commissioners,

As a land owner in Boulder County I am strongly opposed to any expansion of Gross Dam Reservoir because of the destruction of wildlife habitat, increased road traffic during construction, noise, light, dust, and sound effects during the long construction period, and the catastrophic potential for the dam to ever be a target of a terrorist act. If the dam were breached it would certainly wipe out Eldorado and the houses in the path of the water. I would rather see Denver Water compelling water conservation of its customers.

The 1041 law was put in place to prevent this very kind of abuse of one county's land from another county. Denver Water should have to go through the Boulder County permit process.

I strongly urge you to prevent any expansion of Gross Dam Reservoir.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Grant Wilson](#)  
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**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I respectfully request that you use all of your administrative, regulatory, and legal powers – including “1041 power” granted to counties by the state – to help stop Denver Water’s proposed expansion of Gross Dam and Reservoir for the following reasons:

1. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion – which would increase the height of the concrete dam by 130 feet and inundate a substantial area of forest lands – would cause extraordinary negative impacts to many Boulder County residents. It would be the biggest construction project in Boulder County history, last 5 years, and involve the large-scale use of explosives and thousands of semi-tractor/trailer trips along the curvy mountain roads up to the dam construction site. Importantly, the project would require a clear-cut of over 200,000 trees, turning the reservoir area into a denuded wasteland with fluctuating water levels. All of these impacts would have a significant negative impact on the home values and quality of life of nearby residents. Further, the project would be hugely disruptive for the many Boulder County residents and visitors who recreate on the existing lake, in the surrounding Boulder County Open Space and National Forest lands, and along South Boulder Creek. The project would mar Boulder County’s reputation as an environmentally pro-active and responsible community and recreational paradise.
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4. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion, by diverting an additional average of 5 billion gallons of water per year, would increase the negative impacts on the health of the Fraser and Upper Colorado rivers in Grand County, Colorado, both of which have been nationally recognized as ecological important and imperiled from decades of diversion to the Denver area. The Colorado River – from its source in Grand County all the way to the Gulf of California, 1,500 miles downstream – is the lifeblood of the West but is facing perilous threats from misguided development and climate change. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion is just one of several new projects threatening to drain the Colorado River at the exact time that we should be protecting and restoring this keystone river.

Thank you for protecting the citizens and environment of Boulder County!

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**From:** [David Hickman](#)  
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Comments, Question or Feedback *	I know you are aware of the negative environmental impacts of the proposed enlargement of the dam and Gross Reservoir for the benefit of Denver residents. Water conservation and recycling will yield far more benefits, with much less cost, and is the direction that Denver needs to pursue. Please oppose the expansion and protect Boulder County as best you can. Thanks for your consideration.
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**From:** [SCOTT MCMAHON](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Elizabeth Quist](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:23:51 PM

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Having grown up in the mountains of Boulder, it would be very sad to see further destruction of what's left of our wild lands. People need to learn to conserve water on a personal, municipal, and industrial level.

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Hotchkiss, CO 81419

**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners; Hackett, Richard](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#27]  
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I believe the Gross Dam Expansion is an unnecessary project that will cause grave environmental devastation and relies on outdated data.

I strongly encourage Boulder County Commissioners to rule with Dale Case, the county's Land Use Director, so that legal action will take place to ensure that Denver Water goes through the local permit process. The local permit process will take a look at the merit of the project and require Denver Water to submit updated data. Denver Water currently relies on pre-2002 data that has dramatically different predictions on water use and need than is evidenced by current data. It also does not take into consideration any effects of climate change.

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
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**From:** [Ann Lansing](#)  
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This project is poorly thought out. First, there isn't enough water. Second, tractor trailers cannot navigate the road to Gross Rez. Off of Rt 72, the road to the Rez has too many hairpin turns wher a tractor trailer would have to occupy more than both lanes in the turns.

Third, the water is not needed, Denver Waters' calculations were incorrect. Their forecast numbers wrong.

The length and size of this project will create lasting damage to an otherwise pristine mountain wilderness, for no good reason.

This entire plan should be scrapped .

Thank you,  
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I am not an attorney so I will not speak to the legal arguments that have been raised re: the Gross Reservoir 1041 regulations decision. However, I am opposed to the plans for the Huge expansion of Gross Reservoir for 3 reasons:

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Sincerely,

Alberta Montgomery

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**From:** [Nancy Baker](#)  
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**From:** [Preston Brown](#)  
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**From:** [James Hansen](#)  
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**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 7:56:52 PM

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners; Hackett, Richard](#)  
**Subject:** Gross Reservoir Land Use 1041 Determination [#30]  
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Please let me go on record as being against the expansion of Gross Reservoir.

The Front Range can not continue to expand beyond our ability to provide water from resources that are environmentally sustainable. Our current explosive population is already taxing the limited water that we have in this state. We have already exploited our Eastern and Western Slope resources, and need to stop. There is a finite carrying capacity for our state. Acknowledging that and working toward living within our water 'means' will mean a long and sustainable future for Colorado. Continuing to 'band aid' water projects to delay the inevitable restrictions on population growth will only degrade the quality of the environment that we have left. Do not expand Gross Reservoir and destroy one of the loveliest spots in Boulder County.

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To The Boulder County Commissioners:

In anticipation of the 14 March 2019 hearing on Gross Reservoir 1041 regulations, I am sending a very brief note to register my opinion that the 1041 bill, which became law, needs to be heeded since it was originally devised as a "watchdog" measure to ensure that the environment was protected as well as the wilderness-oriented lifestyle of Coloradans. The proposed project is not inconsequential and has been described in the media as the biggest dam in Colorado when completed. Therefore, the 1041 regulations should apply to the Gross Dam project because of scale and the very negative impact such a construction will have on one of the Front Range's most fragile ecosystems. I ask you to seriously uphold the original intent of 1041 by requiring that the Gross Reservoir project be subject to a permit.

THank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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To: Boulder County Commissioners  
From: Boulder Residents Patti & Steve Gassaway  
Subject: Gross Dam Expansion

My husband Steve and I are long-time residents in the city of Boulder. We raised our children here in the house where Steve's grandfather, Jack Byron, lived. We are familiar with the forestry around Gross Reservoir and have taken our children on many hikes both above the reservoir and on land west of it. We must preserve what is here for generations to come.

Expansion of the Gross Reservoir Dam as presently envisioned introduces toxic materials for construction (coal ash brought in from Wyoming. The data from 2002 is based on uncertain and unbelievable future water collection during a time of climate change, and would damage water flow downstream to the detriment of wildlife.

Denver's need for water can be addressed through conservation. Current Denver residents should be encouraged to reduce their water consumption which will provide more water for future residents by learning to use water wisely.

We urge you to rule on behalf of the local permitting process. Denver is not exempt from the 1041 process.

Thank you,  
Patti and Steve Gassaway

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**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
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**From:** [Wufoo](#)  
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Subject *	voting on the water project at Gross Dam
Comments, Question or Feedback *	Please make Denver go thru the process,1041. Do not pass this!
Please check box below *	<input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

**From:** [Pam Sheeler](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 12:30:07 AM

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**From:** [Ronald Schneider](#)  
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Comments Concerning Denver Water's Appeal of the Land Use Directors Determination under 8-406 that Denver Water's Moffat Collection System Project Is Not Exempt from the County's Land Use Code Article 8 Review

1) Director Case should have rejected Denver Water's Request for Determination under 8-406 because Denver Water has no authority or power under its Charter, Article X of the Charter of the City and County of Denver, to request such a determination. In fact, Denver Water's Charter prohibits Denver Water from pursuing the Moffat Project. According to the Abstract for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Moffat Project, the purpose of the project is to develop 18,000 acre feet per year of new annual firm yield to its Moffat Water Treatment Plant and raw water customers upstream of the Moffat Water Treatment Plant pursuant to Denver Water's commitments to its customers. On Page 10 of Appendix A-1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the project, it explains that Denver Water's need for the project includes slightly more than 67,000 acre feet to meet its commitments to provide water outside Denver Water's Service Area. It's commitments to provide water outside its service area are water leases to customers outside the territorial limits of the City and County of Denver. Section 10.1.13 of its Charter provides the following with regard to its power to make commitments by leasing water:

The Board shall have power to lease water and water rights for use outside the territorial limits of the City and County of Denver, but such leases shall provide for limitations of delivery of water to whatever extent may be necessary to enable the Board to provide an adequate supply of water to the people of Denver. Every such lease shall contain terms to secure payment of sufficient money to fully reimburse the people of Denver for the cost of furnishing the water together with an additional amount to be determined by the Board. Sales at amounts less than the above minimum may be made if warranted by economic conditions, but a contract providing for such lesser charge shall not extend for more than one year.

Accordingly, Denver Water's commitments to water providers outside its service area can be reduced to whatever extent may be necessary to enable it to provide an adequate supply of water to the people of Denver. At my request in 2011 for information about these water leases to providers outside its service area, Denver Water provided me with a partial list of its water leases and amounts in acre feet to water providers outside its service area:

Arvada Conditional Lease	3,000
Arvada Other Leases	19,525
Broomfield	6,500
North Table Mountain	6,000
Westminster	4,500



“Other”

24,475

Denver Water’s need for 18,000 acre feet per year of new annual firm yield disappears if it reduces its commitments under its leases to customers outside its service area by less than a third as its Charter requires. Instead, Denver Water has chosen to violate its Charter and pursue a project estimated to cost over \$400,000,000. Many of the people upon whom those costs will be imposed in the form of utility bills are among the many people in Denver Water’s service area living in poverty or struggling mightily to stay out of poverty. They are living in food deserts, under or near a nightmarish tangle of freeways and breathing toxic fumes from a nearby oil refinery. Many of the people living in these households are children. I am sure Director Case did not realize this, but he worked a tremendous injustice on some of the most vulnerable people in our state by allowing Denver Water to act well-beyond its powers and pursue the Moffat Project by seeking his determination under 8-406.

2) I think the staff report prepared by Director Case for the March 14, 2019 hearing presents an airtight case showing that the land on which the Moffat Project would be developed was not zoned for that use as of May 17, 1974, and thus the zoned land exemption does not apply. What I would like to add to the explanation provided in the staff report is that even if the zoned land exemption did apply, that would not mean that the Moffat Project is exempt from the county’s land use code Article 8 Review. In Denver Water’s October 12, 2018 letter requesting Director Case’s determination, Denver Water cited the decision of the Colorado Court of Appeals in *Droste v. Board of County Commissioners of the County of Pitkin*, 85 P.3rd 585 (Colo. App. 2003) as legal authority or support for its position. However, Denver Water ignored the two most important aspects of the Court of Appeals opinion in that case.

The Court of Appeals explained that even if the zoned land exemption applies, and therefore the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act does not authorize the land use regulations of a local government, that does not mean that other statutes or grants of authority do not authorize local governments to apply land use regulations to projects such as the Moffat Project. Specifically, the Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act grants broad authority to local governments such as Boulder County to regulate land use. Boulder County’s Article 8 regulations state that they are authorized by the Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act, among other statutory grants of authority. Therefore, the Moffat Project is not exempt from Article 8 of Boulder County’s Land Use Code even if the zoned land exemption applies.

3) In the *Droste* case cited above, the Court of Appeals also explained that adopting a broad interpretation of the zoned land exemption under the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act, as urged by Denver Water, would defeat the intent of the Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act to give broad authority to local governments to plan for and regulate the use of land. A broad interpretation of the zoned land exemption would also defeat the stated intent and purpose of the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act to encourage local governments to regulate certain areas and activities of state interest. When one considers what the Moffat Project entails, one would be forced to conclude that Denver Water has interpreted the zoned land exemption beyond the point of absurdity. The staff report states that the Commissioners will not be considering “the scope ... of the project or whether it should grant a county permit if Denver Water applies.” I would argue that the Commissioners must consider the scope of the

project to determine the central issue in Denver Water's appeal, whether the land on which the Moffat Project would be developed was zoned for that use as of May 17, 1974. Having read the comments that have already been submitted for the March 24 hearing, I think the scope of the project will be explained by other commenters. But I would just like to ask: Was the land on which the Moffat Project would be developed zoned for use as a rock quarry and cement plant? I don't see how the Commissioners can determine how the land would be used by the Moffat Project until Denver Water submits its application under Article 8 fully describing how the Moffat Project will use the land in question and what, exactly, that entails.

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[STC-Exhibit-1-to-BOCC-letter-03-12-2019.pdf](#)  
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Hello Boulder County Commissioners,

On behalf of Green Groups -- Save The Colorado, The Environmental Group, and Sierra Club -- please accept the attached letter and exhibits supporting the Boulder County Land Use Director, Dale Case's, determination that Denver Water is not exempt from Boulder County's 1041 regulations for the Gross Dam Project.

This letter and exhibits are also publicly posted here:

Letter:

<http://savethecolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/GreenGroups-1041-Gross-letter-to-Board-03-12-2019.pdf>

Exhibit 1:

<http://savethecolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/STC-Exhibit-1-to-BOCC-letter-03-12-2019.pdf>

Exhibit 2:

<http://savethecolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/STC-Exhibit-2-to-BOCC-letter-03-12-2019.pdf>

Please insert this letter and exhibits into the administrative record for the hearing on March 14, 2019. I will also be at the hearing to provide a summary of the letter and our support for Director Case's decision.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your service to the public and environment of Boulder County,

Gary Wockner, Director  
Save The Colorado

cc:

- David Hughes, Ben Pearlman, Conrad Lattes: Boulder County Attorney's Office
- Dale Case: Boulder County Land Use Director
- Jim Alexee, Director Rocky Mountain Chapter, Sierra Club
- Celena Collins, Board President, The Environmental Group
- John Barth, Attorney, representing Save The Colorado, The Environmental Group, Sierra Club

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The mission of Save The Colorado is to protect and restore the Colorado River and its tributaries from the source to the sea. Save The Colorado focuses on fighting irresponsible water projects, supporting alternatives to dams and diversions, fighting and adapting to climate change, supporting river and fish species restoration, and removing deadbeat dams. Save The Colorado has thousands of supporters throughout the Southwest U.S. from Denver to Los Angeles and beyond.

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March 12, 2019

Re: Appeal by Denver Water regarding applicability of Boulder County's 1041 Regulations to the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Save the Colorado, The Environmental Group, and Sierra Club, we are writing to support the Boulder County Land Use Director's October 22, 2018 decision that the Gross Dam and Reservoir Expansion Project ("Project") is **not** exempt from the County's Areas and Activities of State Interest Act ("1041" or "AASIA") Review.<sup>1</sup>

Denver Water's Gross Project proposes to increase the height and width of the Gross Dam thus greatly expanding the areal extent of Gross Reservoir behind the dam. The Project will result in the permanent flooding of approximately 424 acres in Boulder County. A map showing the inundation area of the proposed expanded reservoir is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Project is one of the largest in Boulder County history and will adversely impact many Boulder County public assets, as well as private property.

Save the Colorado is a nonprofit organization striving to protect and restore the Colorado River and its tributaries. Save the Colorado has approximately 20,000 members and supporters, including many who live in Colorado. The Environmental Group of Colorado is a nonprofit organization located in the foothills of Colorado, spanning Jefferson, Gilpin, and Boulder Counties. The Environmental Group works to protect the natural lands and resources of the region from environmental degradation, and is a longtime proponent of environmental preservation and conservation of the public lands and waters that would be affected by the Gross Dam Project. Hundreds of members of The Environmental Group live in close proximity to the existing Gross Dam

<sup>1</sup> We agree with, and incorporate herein by reference, the Land Use Director's October 22, 2018 decision, including but not limited to all factual and legal rationale for denying Denver Water's exemption request.

and would be directly affected by the proposed construction activities, noise, truck traffic, dust, and emissions. Sierra Club and its Colorado Chapter are dedicated to exploring, enjoying, and protecting the planet's wild places; practicing and promoting the responsible use of the ecosystem; educating and enlisting humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment, including rivers ecosystems; and using all lawful means to carry out these objectives. Sierra Club has more than 22,000 members in Colorado, including 4,000 in the Boulder County Indian Peaks Group many of whom will be harmed by the Gross Dam Project.

In addition to the reasons stated in Mr. Case's October 22, 2018 decision letter, we believe that the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project is **not** exempt from the County's 1041 regulations for the following reasons.

1. *Denver Water has the burden of proof in this hearing.*

The 1041 regulations contained in the Boulder County Land Use Code ("Code") state, "[a]t the appeal hearing, the appellant will have the burden of proving that the Director erred in the decision to include or exclude the activity or development from these regulations." Code §8-406(E). Further, the exemptions in the 1041 law should be narrowly construed.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, Denver Water bears the burden of proof in this proceeding. As discussed below, Denver Water's exemption request should be denied because it fails to meet that burden.

2. *Denver Water's proposed "development" is subject to 1041 regulation.*

Denver Water seeks to expand Gross Reservoir to provide municipal water to the Denver Water Service Area, which includes numerous suburbs.<sup>3</sup> The Code specifically requires a 1041 permit for "[e]xpansion of any existing reservoir for a municipal or industrial or domestic treated water use." Code § 8-401(D). The plain language of the State 1041 law also allows governments to designate areas of state interests from a statutorily prescribed list. Included in the areas of state interest are areas containing natural resources, including areas essential to wildlife habitat. See C.R.S. §§ 24-65.1-104(12), 24-65.1-201(1)(c), 24-65.1-202(3).

The 1041 regulations also specifically state, "[r]eview or approval of a project by

<sup>2</sup> *Droste v. Board of County Comrs of County of Pitkin*, 85 P.3d 585, 590 (Colo. App. 2003) ("adopting a broad interpretation of the zoned land exemption under AASIA... would defeat the intent of the General Assembly in the Enabling Act to give broad authority to local governments to plan for and regulate the use of land") *cert denied*, 2004 WL 500832 (Colo. *en banc*).

<sup>3</sup> For a map of the Denver Water Service Area, see:

<https://www.denverwater.org/sites/default/files/2017-05/Service%20Area%20Map%20-%20Municipalities.pdf>

a federal or state agency does not obviate, and will not substitute for, the need to obtain a [1041] permit for that project under these regulations.” Code § 8-206(B). The fact that the Project may also be subject to review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), the Army Corps of Engineers (“ACoE”), or other federal or state agencies does not exempt it from 1041 review and approval. Therefore, Denver Water must obtain a 1041 permit for the Project unless it can meet its burden of proving an exemption.

Colorado’s 1041 enacting legislation defines the term “development” to mean “any construction or **activity** which changes the basic character or the use of the land on which the construction or activity occurs.” C.R.S. §24-65.1-102(1)(emphasis added). By including the word “activity” it is clear that the Colorado legislature intended 1041 law to apply not just to “construction”, but also to “activit[ies] which change the basic character or use of the land...” In this case, the “development” involves constructing both an enlarged dam and an enlarged reservoir. Further, the “activity” is the operation of an enlarged dam and reservoir to provide municipal water to the Denver Water Service Area. The expansion of the Gross Dam will forever change the basic character of land in Boulder County by permanently flooding and submerging acres of land. Exhibit 1 hereto. The basic character of 424 acres of land will be permanently changed from dry land to subaquatic. Further, the use of these same 424 acres of land will be permanently lost as a result of the permanent flooding of the land. Thus, both the construction of an enlarged dam and reservoir, and the activity of operating the expanded dam/reservoir complex, is subject to Boulder County’s 1041 permitting process.

3. *Denver Water has not met its burden of proving a 1041 exemption.*

Denver Water asserts the Project is exempt from 1041 regulation because of the “zoned land exemption” in Section 107 of the Colorado 1041 law. This provision states,

“[t]his article shall not apply to any development in an area of state interest or any activity of state interest which meets any one of the following conditions as of May 17, 1974:(c) The development or activity is to be on land:  
(II) Which has been zoned by the appropriate local government for the use contemplated by such development or activity;

C.R.S. §24-65.1-107(1)(c)(II).

The Colorado Court of Appeals previously found that this exemption should be narrowly construed. *Droste*, 585 P.3d 589.

Denver Water claims that the “property” upon which the expanded dam and

reservoir are located “was zoned for such uses by right prior to March 17, 1974.”<sup>4</sup> Denver Water cites Section 3.4 of the Flood Regulatory Area (allegedly in effect on March 17, 197) claiming that “dams” were a permitted use. The County has correctly countered the factual basis for this argument by finding that the “area of the dam and reservoir was not considered part of the County’s Flood Regulatory zoning in 1974.”<sup>5</sup> However, even if it was, the cited provision does not authorize a “reservoir” on all lands impacted by the expanded Project. Further, Denver Water’s argument that “[t]he use contemplated for the Project **was not prohibited** in the underlying Forestry Zoning District” does **not** mean that that dams and reservoirs were allowed as “uses by right.”

Denver Water has failed to present factual evidence supporting its claim that all lands impacted by the expanded dam and reservoir Project were zoned for such “uses by right” prior to March 17, 1974. The Director’s October 22, 2018 letter correctly disputes both the legal basis of Denver Water’s argument, as well as Denver Water’s failure to produce evidence supporting the argument. Denver Water has failed to meet its burden of proof on this issue.

Further, Denver Water’s October 12, 2018 exemption request inaccurately claims “the size of the dam following construction fulfills the contemplated use at the time of original design and construction.” In support of this claim, Denver Water submits original design documents for the Gross Dam and Reservoir from February 1946. However, when the February 1946 design document is compared to Denver Water’s 2016 FERC Hydropower License Application, it becomes clear that the size of the proposed Project exceeds the original design. More specifically, the following Table compares the 1946 design dam height and reservoir capacity, the existing dam height and reservoir capacity as constructed, and the proposed Project dam height and reservoir capacity:

	<b>1946 Design<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Existing<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2016 FERC application<sup>7</sup></b>
<b>Height of dam</b>	430’	340’	471’
<b>Capacity of Reservoir (af)</b>	113,078	41,811	118,811

As shown above, Denver Water’s Project will significantly exceed the existing dam height and reservoir capacity as well as the contemplated height and capacity at the time of the 1946 design. Further, Denver Water presents no evidence that it “relied on a zoning classification...to their detriment, nor do they assert that they took

<sup>4</sup> Denver Water’s October 12, 2018 letter, p. 2.

<sup>5</sup> County’s January 18, 2019 letter, p. 1.

<sup>6</sup> Exhibits to Denver Water’s October 12, 2018 exemption request.

<sup>7</sup> Denver Water’s November 2016 Final FERC Application, Volume II, p. E-11, attached hereto as Exhibit 2.



substantial actions” to construct the enlarged dam and reservoir prior to, or after, May 17, 1974. *Droste*, 585 P.3d at 589.

It cannot be disputed that Boulder County lands will be flooded and permanently inundated beyond the existing system, as well as beyond the capacity originally contemplated in the 1946 design. Denver Water has failed to meet its burden of proving that all additional lands upon which the expanded dam and reservoir will be located were zoned for these respective uses as of May 17, 1974. Denver Water has also failed to prove that it is legally entitled to the claimed exemption. As such, Denver Water’s exemption request must be denied.

4. *Exempting the Project would be contrary to the Boulder County Plan and policy.*

One of the purposes of the Boulder County’s 1041 regulations is to ensure consistency with the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”). Code § 8-202(B)(18). Exempting the Project from the 1041 process would prevent the County from determining whether it is in conformance with the Plan.<sup>8</sup>

The Plan contains the following policy regarding construction of “potentially hazardous developments” within unincorporated areas of the County:

CW 1.13.01 It shall be county policy to cooperate with the municipalities of the county with respect to the evaluation, elimination, and reduction of potentially hazardous developments located within the unincorporated areas of the county.<sup>9</sup>

The term “potentially hazardous developments” includes “reservoirs.”<sup>10</sup> The County has adopted criteria for eliminating or reducing potentially hazardous developments, such as reservoirs, and includes:

- a) The thoroughness of the applicant’s site selection process and the soundness of the conclusions reached, including the analysis of alternative sites with consideration of the potential hazardous impacts of the proposed use.
- b) An assessment of the technological and economic factors affecting the proposed development and the consideration given by the applicant to the implementation of other practical and economically feasible alternatives that can provide the same functions, while minimizing potential hazards for the public.

<sup>8</sup> The Plan can be found at the following link: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/bccp-boulder-county-comprehensive-plan.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Plan at p. 107.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at CW 1.13.

- c) The official position of a municipal government if the potentially hazardous development is proposed within, adjacent to, or would directly affect lands within its future service/comprehensive planning area as mutually adopted by the municipality and county; and
- d) All applicable rules, regulations, and policies in effect at the time the proposal is submitted.<sup>11</sup>

Exempting the Project would side step the requirements of the Plan, Boulder County policy, and sound land use decision-making.

- 5. *Exempting the Project would adversely impact Boulder County lands and assets without mitigation.*

The Boulder County Comprehensive Plan contains a series of maps identifying areas of important values, including plant and wildlife areas, archeological areas, and important view-sheds.<sup>12</sup> These maps can be found at the following links:

- o Archeological: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-archaeologic-sensitive-areas.pdf>
- o Critical Wildlife Habitat: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-critical-wildlife-migration-corridors.pdf>
- o Environmental Conservation Area: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-environmental-conservation-areas.pdf>
- o Biodiversity Area: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-high-biodiversity-areas.pdf>
- o Natural Areas: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-natural-landmarks-natural-areas.pdf>
- o County Open Space: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/bccp-map-open-space-and-public-lands-20170315.pdf>
- o Imperiled Plant Species: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-rare-plant-areas-significant-natural-areas.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at pp. 107-108, CW 1.13.03

<sup>12</sup> Boulder County's Threatened and Endangered Species and Geologic Hazard maps have been incorporated by reference into its 1041 regulations and identify adopted areas of state interest. Code at §8-207(C)(1). Boulder County's "Imperiled Plant Species" map includes rare plant species areas and significant natural communities near the dam/reservoir site and downstream. The Geologic Hazard Areas map includes areas of "major" risk around Gross Reservoir and downstream.

- View Protection Corridors: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/bccp-map-view-protection-corridors-20170315.pdf>

The Project has the potential to adversely affect numerous Boulder County assets, including but are not limited to: the Forsyth Waterfall; South Draw, Winiger Ridge Elk Herd, and Boulder Mountain Park Eldorado Mountain critical wildlife habitats and/or corridors; archeological and travel routes surrounding Gross Reservoir; Winiger Ridge and Hawkin Gulch Upper Eldorado Canyon Environmental Conservation Areas; Winiger Gulch and Boulder Foothills High Biodiversity Areas; Winiger Ridge Natural Landmark; County Open Space and Conservation Easement(s); areas with individual plants or combinations of plants that are imperiled; and view protection corridors. The Project's potential impact to these Boulder County assets underscores the need to require 1041 and/or land use review of the Project.

6. *Exempting the Project would undermine the County's broad land use authority.*

The Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act ("Enabling Act") also specifically authorizes local government to regulate land use to protect a variety of important values. See C.R.S. § 29–20–104(1)(b). The grant of authority in the Enabling Act is separate from and independent of the grant of authority in the State 1041 law. *Droste*, 85 P.3d 589. Generally, the Enabling Law confers "broad authority to local governments to plan for and regulate the use of land within their respective jurisdictions." C.R.S. § 29-20-102(1). More specifically, Colorado law states:

Each local government within its respective jurisdiction has the authority to plan for and regulate the use of land by: (a) Regulating development and activities in hazardous areas; (b) Protecting lands from activities which would cause immediate or foreseeable material danger to significant wildlife habitat and would endanger a wildlife species; (c) Preserving areas of historical and archaeological importance; (d) Regulating, with respect to the establishment of, roads on public lands administered by the federal government; this authority includes authority to prohibit, set conditions for, or require a permit for the establishment of any road authorized under the general right-of-way granted to the public by 43 U.S.C. 932 (R.S. 2477) but does not include authority to prohibit, set conditions for, or require a permit for the establishment of any road authorized for mining claim purposes by 30 U.S.C. 21 et seq., or under any specific permit or lease granted by the federal government; (e) Regulating the location of activities and developments which may result in significant changes in population density; (f) Providing for phased development of services and facilities; (g) Regulating the use of land on the basis of the impact thereof on the community or surrounding areas; and (h) Otherwise planning for and regulating

the use of land so as to provide planned and orderly use of land and protection of the environment in a manner consistent with constitutional rights.

C.R.S. § 29-20-104(1).

The Enabling Act provides an independent basis for land use regulation by Boulder County. *Droste*, 85 P.3d 589. Further, the “zoned land exemption” under the State 1041 law does not invalidate Boulder County’s independent authority to regulate the Project under the Enabling Act. *Droste*, 85 P.3d at 589.

The Project would be one of the largest construction projects ever in Boulder County. If there was ever a project over which the County should assert its broad land use planning authority, it is this one. The County should not shirk its land use planning authority at a time when it is needed most.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments supporting the Director’s October 22, 2018 determination that Denver Water’s Gross Dam/Reservoir Project is subject to 1041 review and Boulder County land use regulation. Please include this letter in the administrative record for the Board’s decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

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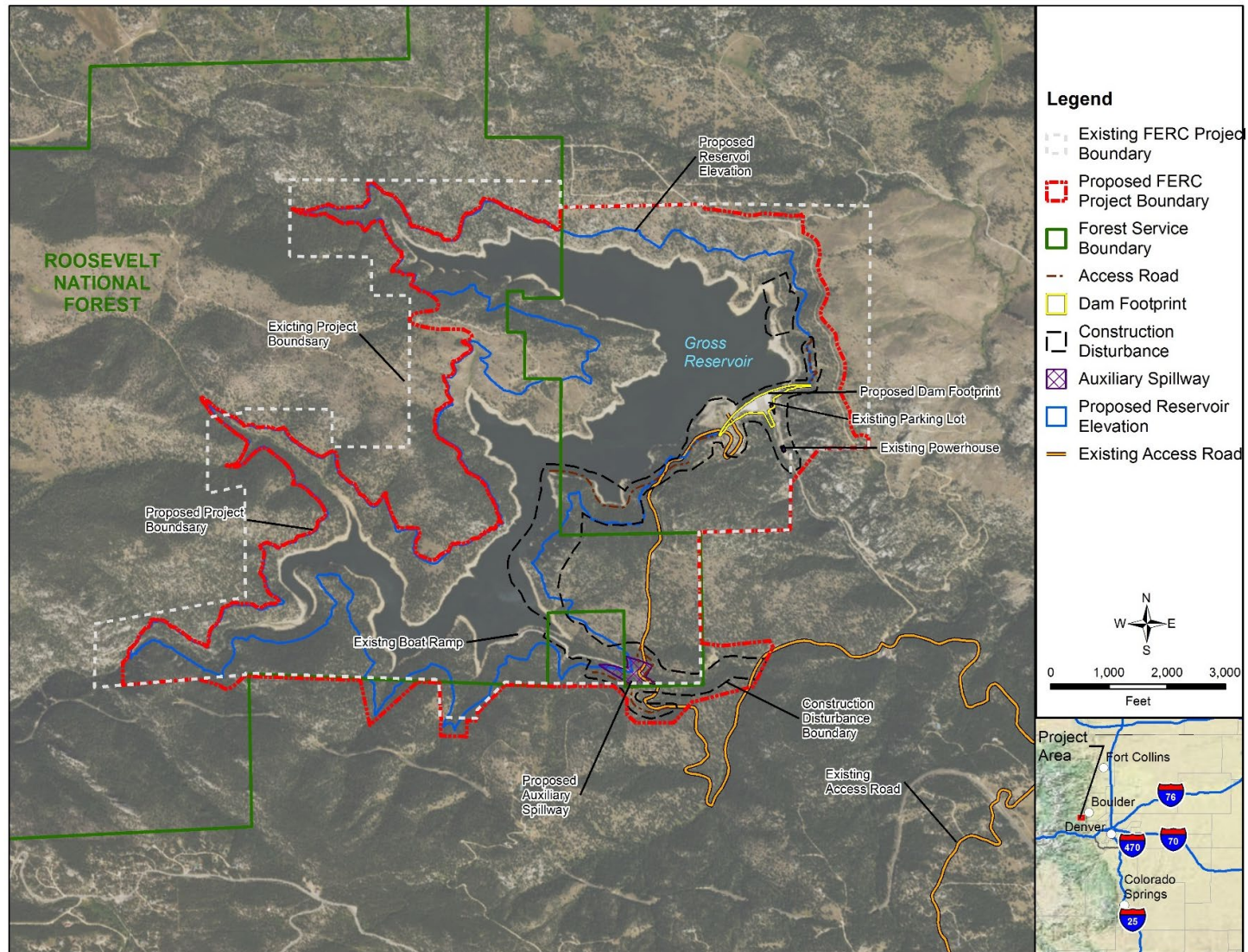


Figure 1. Location of Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project (Source: Denver Water, 2016, as modified by staff).



feet msl. The new dam crest would be 1,840 feet long and 25 feet wide. The raised dam would likely have approximately the same dam axis, arch radius, crest width, and downstream slope as the existing dam section.

Plans for the proposed 131-foot dam raise are conceptual and will be developed further based on permitting decisions by the Corps and the FERC. Specific construction-related information, such as the proposed spillway design, location and size of borrow and staging areas, concrete volumes, etc., is approximate based on conceptual-level design but is adequate for the purposes of the environmental analyses in this Exhibit E *Environmental Report*, the FERC License Amendment Application, and the Corps FEIS.

Figure 2.2.1-2 shows the conceptual plan, dam profile, and spillway profiles of the enlarged dam. The upstream slope of the raised dam portion would be a vertical face. Table 2.2.1-2 provides a comparison of the proposed Gross Dam and Reservoir features with those of the existing facility.

**Table 2.2.1-2  
Comparison of Existing and Proposed Gross Dam and Reservoir Features**

Gross Dam and Reservoir Features*	Existing	Proposed Project with Environmental Pool
Additional storage volume (AF)	--	77,000
Total storage volume (AF)	41,811	118,811
Normal water elevation (feet)	7,282	7,406
Surface area at the spillway crest (acres)	418	842
Dam raise (feet)	--	131
Dam height (feet)	340	471
Crest length (feet)	1,050	1,840**
Dam raise concrete volume (cy) (including spillway)	--	930,000
Spillway elevation (feet)	7,282	7,406
Auxiliary spillway	--	Added
Outlet works	Existing	No change

Source: Denver Water 2001

Notes:

\* Dam features are estimates based on conceptual plans and are subject to change based on final design.

\*\* Recent engineering estimates of the dam crest length calculates it to be 1,940 feet. However, references to the dam crest length in Exhibit E use 1,840 feet.

AF = acre-feet

cy = cubic yards

**Environmental Pool.** During the FERC consultation process, Denver Water entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (Boulder-Lafayette IGA) with the cities of Boulder and Lafayette. The Boulder-Lafayette IGA provides that 1) the City of Boulder and/or the City of Lafayette will use existing water rights or acquire new water rights to store water for the 5,000-AF Environmental Pool described above and 2) Denver Water will raise the dam an additional 6 feet

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**For Immediate Release  
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## **Boulder County Has Legal Right To 1041 Law For Denver Water's Gross Dam Project**

**Boulder County:** Today, Green Groups -- Save The Colorado, The Environmental Group, and Sierra Club -- [sent a letter \(posted here\)](#) to the Boulder County Commissioners in support of the County Land Use Director's decision that Denver Water is required to go through the "1041 Permit Process" for the proposed massive expansion of Gross Dam and Reservoir in southwestern Boulder County. On **March 14th**, the Boulder County Commissioners will have a [public hearing \(details here\)](#) on the decision, which Denver Water disagreed with and "appealed" to a hearing in front of the Commissioners. A large contingent of people have signed up to speak at the hearing, which is already scheduled to last 4 hours, while additional people can sign up upon arrival.

Denver Water claims they are "exempt" from Boulder County's local land use laws, called "1041", even though the Gross Dam expansion would be the biggest construction project in Boulder County history to build the tallest dam in Colorado history with extraordinary negative impacts to the local community for up to 7 years of construction including noise pollution, air pollution, road and travel safety, wildlife impacts, clear-cutting over 200,000 trees, and transporting over 50,000 tons of toxic coal ash up curvy canyon roads to be stored at the dam site and used in the cement mix to build the dam.

"It's outrageous that Denver Water thinks it doesn't need a permit from Boulder County for this massive, environmentally destructive project," said Gary Wockner of Save The Colorado. "We support the County Land Use Director's decision to require a 1041 permit and we request that the Boulder County Commissioners do the same."

The 1041 permit process is "quasi-judicial", meaning that the County Commissioners are required to judge the merits of the issue without previously taking a position for or against it. The County staff has determined that Denver Water is required to go through the 1041 permit process, and the hearing on March 14th will be the Commissioners' first opportunity to formally weigh in. The issue could play out for months or even years -- if the Commissioners decide that Denver Water must go through the 1041 process, Denver Water can appeal that decision to State District Court. If a court determines that Denver Water must go through the 1041 process, then that permitting process could take a year or more, the outcome of which is also subject to potential litigation and court review.

The massive Gross Dam expansion project proposes to further drain and destroy the Colorado River and pipe that water under the continental divide and down into Gross Reservoir and then

down into Denver. The project proposes to drain an average of over 5 billion gallons of water every year out of the already severely depleted and endangered headwaters of the Colorado River to slake the thirst of lawns in the hot summer sun in Denver Water's service area at the same time that climate scientists predict that flows in the Colorado River are severely imperiled due to heat and drought. Further yet, [technical analyses indicate that Denver Water's water use is going down, not up \(see report here\)](#), and will continue to decrease as customers focus on conservation in the metro area.

"Further draining the Colorado River is insanity," said Wockner. "Conservation works and is faster, easier, and cheaper than trying to build massive new dams and diversions."

The Green Groups, and other environmental co-plaintiffs, have already sued the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for granting a permit to the Gross Dam project. That litigation is pending in federal district in Denver.

This press release is [posted here](#).

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The mission of Save The Colorado is to protect and restore the Colorado River and its tributaries from the source to the sea. Save The Colorado focuses on fighting irresponsible water projects, supporting alternatives to dams and diversions, fighting and adapting to climate change, supporting river and fish species restoration, and removing deadbeat dams. Save The Colorado has thousands of supporters throughout the Southwest U.S. from Denver to Los Angeles and beyond.



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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Please do everything in your power, including spending our county's tax money and using county personnel and resources, to stop Denver Water from expanding Gross Reservoir. Hooray for Boulder County's retention of its 1041 rights! We have seen nothing in the past year or so to sway our opinion that raising the dam height and causing the associated environmental destruction are good for Boulder County or even very helpful to Denver, considering climate change analyses of water availability.

Thank you for receiving our citizen input and for all your hard work on behalf of Boulder County.

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It is necessary for Boulder County Land Use to use its full adjudicated power to grant or reject permission to Denver Water Board in the matter of Gross Dam expansion, a project of enormous scale which is of no benefit– only detriment–to the citizens of Boulder County.

Further,I feel that Denver Water Board has never given enough credit to efforts by users to conserve water and that therefore the reasons to expand storage capacity at Gross are unfounded.

If the dam expansion were approved it would be devastating to fishing and wildlife in Grand County and further downstream.

Also I fear that the additional water storage proposed could be made available to oil and gas development for use in fracking, leading to further contamination of the Oglalla aquifer.

Thanks, Dick Cole

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March 12, 2019

Dear Boulder County Commissioners-

The Sierra Club-Indian Peaks Group respectfully requests the Boulder County Commissioners to use administrative, regulatory, and legal powers to help stop Denver Water's proposed expansion of Gross Dam and Reservoir. This includes important powers granted to counties by the state under HB-1041 and codified in [C.R.S. 24-65.1-101](#).

Here's what the statutes say about 1041 powers: "Local governments shall be encouraged to designate areas and activities of state interest and, after such designation, shall administer such areas and activities of state interest and promulgate guidelines for the administration thereof." The general intention of 1041 powers are to allow local governments to maintain their control over particular development projects even where the development project has statewide impacts.

Denver Water is attempting to bypass local authority by claiming they are exempt from local permitting processes authorized by state law to Boulder County. Boulder County's Land Use Director determined Denver Water's claims are not valid and Denver Water is subject to local authority. Denver Water is challenging that decision.

A public hearing on March 14 at 4 p.m. in the Boulder County Building (3<sup>rd</sup> floor hearing room, 1325 Pearl St.) will result in Boulder County's Commissioners deciding if they agree with Denver Water's appeal or with their own Land Use Director's determination.

We believe that the proposed Gross Reservoir expansion is a bad idea because:

1. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion would increase the height of the concrete dam by 131 feet, inundate a substantial area of forest lands (about 400 additional acres), clear-cut over 200,000 trees, and cause extraordinarily negative impacts to many Boulder County residents. It would be the biggest construction project in Boulder County history, would involve the large-scale use of explosives and many tens of thousands of haulage trips on Boulder County mountain roads with probable road-widening and changes in road alignment. Large impacts of construction are likely to produce erosion and increases in sediment loads downstream on South Boulder Creek. Large greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from construction of Gross Dam and Reservoir are unacceptable during a time when responsible cities and counties across the country are working feverishly to reduce GHG emissions.
2. Denver Water has claimed that the expanded reservoir is needed for future growth in the Front Range, but actual water use has decreased over the last several decades. Environmental consciousness and water conservation are far better strategies for assuring adequate water for increased population that will be concentrated in urban areas. Increased water conservation spending and outreach

are dramatically cheaper than the \$400 million the Gross reservoir expansion will cost, and they are faster, easier, and make much more sense.

3. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion, by diverting an additional average of 5 billion gallons of water per year, would increase the negative impacts on the health of the Fraser and Colorado rivers in Grand County, Colorado, both of which have been nationally recognized as ecologically important and imperiled by decades of water diversion to the Denver area. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion is just one of several new projects threatening the Colorado River during this time of rapid climate change; we should be protecting and restoring this keystone river rather than treating it like an endless commodity.

4. The impacts of Gross Reservoir expansion project are inconsistent with the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, violating protection of Critical Wildlife Areas and the Walker Ranch/Upper Eldorado Canyon Environmental Conservation Area. Reservoir expansion would inundate a substantial area of forest including Forsyth Canyon and falls, cause wetlands destruction, disrupt migrating corridors for elk, cougars, and newly resident moose. Reservoir construction would also cause the loss of five acres of two globally rare foothills riparian shrubland communities: 1) river birch/mesic forb community and 2) thinleaf alder/mesic forb community.

5. Environmental effects of construction and reservoir expansion would impair South Boulder Creek's water quality—Clean Water Act water quality standards for iron and copper may be exceeded. Increased mercury levels in water and fish in Gross Reservoir already have resulted in a Fish Consumption Alert from CDPHE because of mercury levels in fish. The source of mercury is atmospheric deposition from coal-fired power plant emissions. Deposition from the atmosphere will be proportional to the expanded surface area of the reservoir, which would be doubled.

Thank you, Boulder County Commissioners, for fighting for and protecting the citizens and environment of Boulder County!

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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

I respectfully request that you use all of your administrative, regulatory, and legal powers – including “1041 power” granted to counties by the state – to help stop Denver Water’s proposed expansion of Gross Dam and Reservoir for the following reasons:

1. The Gross Dam/Reservoir expansion – which would increase the height of the concrete dam by 130 feet and inundate a substantial area of forest lands – would cause extraordinary negative impacts to many Boulder County residents. It would be the biggest construction project in Boulder County history, last 5 years, and involve the large-scale use of explosives and thousands of semi-tractor/trailer trips along the curvy mountain roads up to the dam construction site. Importantly, the project would require a clear-cut of over 200,000 trees, turning the reservoir area into a denuded wasteland with fluctuating water levels. All of these impacts would have a significant negative impact on the home values and quality of life of nearby residents. Further, the project would be hugely disruptive for the many Boulder County residents and visitors who recreate on the existing lake, in the surrounding Boulder County Open Space and National Forest lands, and along South Boulder Creek. The project would mar Boulder County’s reputation as an environmentally pro-active and responsible community and recreational paradise.
2. Denver Water doesn't need the water – despite claims in the Final Environmental Impact Statement that water demand will increase, Denver Water's actual water use has decreased over the last several decades. All across the West, past assumptions linking increased population growth to increased water demand have been proven wrong as people begin to appreciate the connection between water use and their environment. There is no reason to anticipate a different outcome in the Denver Water Service Area where environmental consciousness is high and water conservation strategies have been put into place.
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Thank you for protecting the citizens and environment of Boulder County!

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**From:** [Jeremy Winick](#)  
**To:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Boulder County Should Stop Gross Dam Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:28:34 AM

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Dear Boulder County Comissioners,

I am writing to strongly support the opinion of Land Use Director Dale Case regarding his determination that the proposed expansion of Gross Dam by Denver Water is, in fact, subject to 1041 review. If ever there was a case to employ use of this rule the proposed expansion of Gross Dam is a textbook example. I also strongly encourage using all administrative, regulatory, and legal powers in addition to 1041, if necessary, to put this highly destructive proposal out cold, so as not to have \*any\* chance of its rising up again.

There are numerous well written reasons why 1041 applies which have been submitted multiple times but from a more personal viewpoint I'd like to share one more.

I live less than two miles from Gross Dam and have resided with my family at stated address for 31 years. One of the most popular hiking trail destinations nearing Gross Dam on USFS land in Boulder County is locally known as the "waterfall trail." It is within the proposed flooding area Denver Water is calling for. It is the only waterfall I know of in the Magnolia area and although not on a grand scale such as Boulder Falls it is highly unique. This waterfall is NOT in Gross Dam and should be protected under 1041. In addition to our diverse local wildlife who benefit from this water source many tourists visit the area because of the waterfall and the solace it gives.

Please stand strong in using the 1041, it's the right time and place.

Yvonne Short

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Dear Commissioners,

Denver Water requested statutory exemption from 1041 regulations based on their claim that the reservoir was zoned in a Flood Regulatory Area in 1974. Land Use Director Dale Case has determined that it was in fact not zoned in a Flood Regulatory Area prior to 1974, as the County had no such zoning at the time, and even if there had been such zoning, only a small portion of the Gross dam expansion project would have been included.

Please trust your Land Use Director, whose job and expertise is to determine such things, and uphold his determination. Allowing Denver Water to circumvent the County's right to review this project under 1041 regulations would set a terrible precedent and disenfranchise Boulder County residents of their input regarding what would become the largest dam in Colorado and the largest project in Boulder County's history with major impacts on the environment, Boulder County's residents, and Boulder County's reputation for many years to come.

This is exactly the kind of project for which the 1041 regulations were intended.

Sincerely,

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