

Community Planning & Permitting

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TO: Travis Bray, Denver Water, referral agencies.

FROM: Dale Case, AICP - Director

RE: Extension of referral period for Docket SI-20-0003: Gross Reservoir & Dam Expansion

The Boulder County Community Planning & Permitting Department received a communication from Denver Water indicating a Tree Removal Plan (the Plan) will be submitted to Boulder County for review on March 15, 2021. This document was requested in referral agencies' comments sent on December 23, 2020, so that the potential environmental and transportation impacts of the Plan could be analyzed. Boulder County has also received a request from Jefferson County staff requesting an extension of the review deadline to allow for their thorough and complete review of the submitted materials. In order to provide referral agencies enough time to review the Plan and provide thorough comments, I am extending the referral agency review period to March 29, 2021.

If any referral agency identifies deficiencies in the submitted application materials, requests additional information related to those deficiencies, and Denver Water provides the requested additional information, per Article 8-508.D.2.b, Community Planning & Permitting may re-refer the additional application materials to all referral agencies. This provides an opportunity for referral agencies to comment on the new information and ensure the necessary materials have been submitted for a thorough analysis prior to considering the application complete under Article 8-509.B.

The March 29, 2021 deadline is not a hard deadline for submission of public comment. While the County strongly encourages community members to submit comments by March 29, public comments will be accepted during the entire duration of the review process and related public hearing, and may be submitted by sending emails to grossreservoir@bouldercounty.org. Written comments are included in staff recommendation packets that are forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

Community members will also have the opportunity to speak during the public comment portion of the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners public hearings.