

**METRO ROUNDTABLE
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
CHATFIELD RESERVOIR STORAGE REALLOCATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS the Metro Roundtable is an integral component of the Interbasin Compact Committee formed under the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act through House Bill 05-1177, and

WHEREAS the Metro Roundtable has identified the Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation Project (Project) as a very valuable and needed project for increasing renewable water supplies for many water users along the Front Range, and

WHEREAS, as discussed in the Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) study, as supported by the Metro Roundtable, there is an anticipated water supply shortage or "gap" of approximately 99,000 to 360,000 AF per year in the South Platte River Basin over the next 40 years, and

WHEREAS the Metro Roundtable includes region-wide representatives from municipal, agricultural, and environmental groups, all of which will benefit in some fashion from the Project, and

WHEREAS the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that Chatfield Reservoir, located in Douglas and Jefferson counties, can safely store an additional 20,600 acre feet of water beyond that currently held while preserving the reservoir's flood control purposes, and

WHEREAS Chatfield Reservoir's current authorized purposes include flood control, recreation, fish and wildlife and water supply, and the reallocation of storage space has been authorized since 1986, and

WHEREAS the Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation Study (Study), which includes the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (FR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project, has been prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the State of Colorado and in consultation with 15 prospective water users groups and many other interested parties, and

WHEREAS the Study has been supported by the Colorado Congressional delegation (FY2007–FY2012 appropriations bills and numerous joint letters), the Colorado General Assembly (SJR 07-019) and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (serving as non-federal sponsor for the study, January 2010 resolution, and allocation of \$13 million to assist with implementation), and

WHEREAS storing more water in Chatfield Reservoir will make better use of an existing facility and capture additional runoff flowing down the South Platte River and Plum Creek without pumping, and

WHEREAS the water providers who contract and pay for use of the water storage space in Chatfield Reservoir have agreed to undertake and pay for needed mitigation of environmental impacts, to undertake and pay for modification of recreation facilities as needed, and to reimburse the Federal Government for \$14 million towards the original construction of Chatfield Reservoir.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Roundtable supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tentatively Recommended Plan in the Draft Integrated FR/EIS on the Chatfield Reservoir Storage Reallocation Project and directs that this resolution be delivered to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to made part of the record of public comments on the Draft Integrated FR/EIS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Metro Roundtable urges the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete its final review of the project and issue a Record of Decision in a timely manner so that water can be stored in Chatfield Reservoir and used beneficially as soon as possible.



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