



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 9, 2008

CONTACT: Brian Werner  
970-622-2229

## **Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District officials respond to the City of Fort Collins' opposition to Glade Reservoir**

Last week the Fort Collins City Council passed a resolution that asserts the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) will increase the costs for Fort Collins to treat its drinking water and discharge its wastewater, thus increasing utility bills for Fort Collins residents.

Northern Water officials strongly disagree.

“The idea that NISP is going to increase costs for citizens who get their water from the City of Fort Collins is simply not true,” says Northern Water General Manager Eric Wilkinson.

“We have to obtain a permit from the federal government to build NISP. If building NISP would mean additional water or wastewater treatment costs for Fort Collins, the NISP participants, not the City of Fort Collins, would be required to pay those costs as part of the permit conditions. The NISP participants will pay the bill, not the citizens who receive water from Fort Collins.”

Fort Collins further claims that NISP will negatively impact water quality in Horsetooth Reservoir. Northern Water operates Horsetooth Reservoir and delivers water from Horsetooth to nearly 400,000 people.

“I guarantee Northern Water has no intention of doing anything that would adversely impact the quality of water in Horsetooth Reservoir,” says Wilkinson. “Horsetooth is a vital part of our delivery system, and protecting it is essential to us.”

The NISP participants are eleven cities and towns and four water districts in Northern Colorado currently supplying water to 200,000 residents. The participants are paying the entire cost of the project.

Since the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on April 30 representatives of the City of Fort Collins have been reluctant to discuss their concerns or potential solutions with Northern Water. However, Northern Water remains committed to working with the City to address its concerns.

\*\*\*\*\*