



September 19, 2018

Mr. John Urbanic
NISP EIS Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District Denver Regulatory Office
9307 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
Littleton, CO 80128

Re: Northern Integrated Supply Project Final EIS

Dear Mr. Urbanic:

I am the Town Administrator for the Town of Erie, Colorado and I am sending this letter to provide comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("Final EIS") for the Northern Integrated Supply Project ("NISP"). The Town of Erie is a diverse and dynamic community with 25,000 citizens and growing. We pride ourselves in projects that are innovative, high quality and beneficial to the environment like NISP. The Town of Erie has been an active participant in NISP with our neighboring municipalities and districts since the year 2003. It is vital to the Town to assure that our citizens will have the water supplies needed for a sustainable future.

The Final EIS for the Project was issued after publication of voluminous technical reports detailing different resource impact analyses in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Town of Erie strongly advocates for the development of the preferred alternative 2M identified in the Final EIS. It is environmentally responsible and will provide much needed water in a collaborative effort with the other Participants and other stakeholders.

As reflected in the Final EIS, the NISP Participants have worked extremely hard to address all impacts from the Project for well over a decade. As you know, the Colorado Wildlife Commission and the Colorado Water Conservation Board unanimously approved the Project's fish and wildlife mitigation plan to address water quality and

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quantity impacts to the Poudre River. The State also approved a voluntary enhancement plan that offers benefits above and beyond the mitigation.

The Town of Erie owns 6,500 acre feet in NISP. The Project is extremely important to the Town's current and future citizens to provide a sustainable renewable water source.

We appreciate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' thorough review and analysis of NISP. Please accept our thanks and we look forward to moving forward with this important project. Please contact me if you would like to discuss the Project further

Sincerely,

THE TOWN OF ERIE



Farrell Buller
Acting Town Administrator

cc: Town of Erie Board of Trustees
Todd Fessenden, Public Works Director
Paul J. Zilis, Attorney