



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 12/5/17
SUBJECT: Chatfield Reservoir Environmental Pool Agreement
FROM: Nathan Mosley, Director of Parks and Open Space
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks and Open Space
HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON : 5/2/2017
AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of County Commissioners approves the resolution approving an agreement between Adams County and The Greenway Foundation to fund 25 acre-feet of water in the Environmental Pool at Chatfield Reservoir at the cost of \$187,500.

BACKGROUND:

Adams County was approached by The Greenway Foundation to participate in a regional collaborative effort to purchase water storage at Chatfield Reservoir that would be used to augment the South Platte River during low flow periods. These increased flows will help to improve water quantity, quality and improve the overall health of the river.

This water, known as the environmental pool (EP), includes a total of 500 acre-feet (AF). Denver Water has challenged The Greenway Foundation to obtain funding for 250 AF and has agreed to pay for the other 250 AF once that challenge has been met. Funding is being sought from a variety of entities including local governments, foundations and other funding sources.

This request was presented to the BoCC in Study Session on May 2, 2017. The BoCC was supportive of the request but did bring up two questions regarding possible negative impacts to water users along the South Platte as well as whether the additional flows would affect the Robert W. Hite Wastewater Treatment Plant and their requirements from the EPA. Both of those questions were addressed in a memo dated May 23, 2017 by the County's water attorneys, Hill and Robbins, that was provided to the BoCC via email on that same day.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Parks and Open Space Department, Greenway Foundation, Denver Water, City and County of Denver and a variety of other government entities, non-profits and foundations.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

1. Agreement with The Greenway Foundation
2. Resolution

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☐. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

Fund: 27 – Open Space Projects Fund**Cost Center:** 6107

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Revenue:			
Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget:			
Total Revenues:			

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:			
Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget:	8810		\$187,500
Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:			
Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Total Expenditures:			\$187,500

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Additional Note:

This request is currently included in the proposed 2018 budget requests and would be paid out in 2018.