

Local Government Business Affair Committee

Water Policy Statement

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Philosophy

The Greeley Chamber of Commerce recognizes the need for proactive water policies and development to ensure future supplies for Greeley's residents and for the future growth of Greeley. We also recognize the need for conservation measures and for treatment facilities to process wastewater. We believe proactive and long-term efforts are imperative for Greeley to maximize the benefits from this valuable natural resource.

Policies

Consistent with its Water Philosophy, the Chamber will support:

- Water management policies that facilitate economic expansion
- Preservation of a high quality water supply
- Working relationships between the city, agriculture, oil & gas and related users
- Continued acquisition of water rights to support future community needs
- Water storage projects to support future community needs
- Water conservation efforts and increased communication of the benefits of conservation
- Use of the City of Greeley's "Water Bank" for economic development
- Acquisition of Colorado Big Thompson water units as this resource is readily moved and can be used for municipal and agricultural needs
- Acquisition of other senior water rights to support current and future community needs
- State-of-the-art wastewater treatment facilities that exceed regulatory standards
- Water rate pricing for consumers that balances the need for water system investment with the need for an affordable water rate structure that provides the incentive for City residents to maintain their property