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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** December 10, 2009

**To:** Mayor Hutchinson and City Council members

**Through:** Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*

**From:** Brian Janonis, Utilities Executive Director *BJ*

**Reference:** December 8, 2009 Work Session Summary – Platte River Power Authority Governance

This is the first of a two-part discussion on Platte River Power Authority. Brian Moeck, Platte River General Manager, and Joe Wilson, General Counsel for Platte River, presented Council with a brief overview of the formation of Platte River Power Authority, its governance structure, and the role of the Board of Directors. Council members present included Mayor Doug Hutchinson, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Ohlson, David Roy, Lisa Poppaw and Aislinn Kottwitz.

Key discussion points by Council included:

Council discussed representation with staff members serving on the Platte River Power Authority Board of Directors. The discussion focused on the role of the Mayor and the Utilities Executive Director.

Platte River's 2009 legislative position statement seemed partisan in nature. Council liked Platte River's 2010 statement much better. Fort Collins will share their Council-adopted legislative policy agenda with Platte River to insure better coordination.

Council also discussed the idea of changing the contracts more often than every ten years because of the rapidly changing energy environment. The Mayor and Utilities Executive Director will work with Platte River Power Authority staff to evaluate the need for change as time goes on.

Council members indicated the language that had most recently been suggested for the organic and power supply contracts might be further simplified. Alternative language was suggested and the City Attorney's office was asked to work with PRPA staff to make the proposed revisions prior to the Platte River Board meeting on December 10, 2009, so the Mayor can get feedback from Longmont, Loveland and Estes Park representatives.






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**Through:** Darin Atteberry, City Manager   
Brian Janonis, Utilities Executive Director 

**From:** Jon Haukaas, Water Engineering and Field Operations Manager 

**Reference:** December 8, 2009 Work Session Summary – Stormwater Program Review

Brian Janonis, Utilities Executive Director and Jon Haukaas, Water Engineering and Field Operations Manager, presented Council with a brief overview of the work done to date on the Stormwater Program Review. Council members present included Mayor Doug Hutchinson, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Ohlson, David Roy, Lisa Poppaw and Aislinn Kottwitz.

Council members reviewed and discussed materials provided and offered feedback on nine (9) key questions. Key discussion and feed-back by Council:

1. Purpose Statement

Council supports a change to the language to include specific examples of the three Triple Bottom Line components: economic, social and environmental. This will allow a balance of all three components.

Two Council members requested that wildlife habitat be mentioned rather than natural areas.

Remove the preamble of “The City Council finds, determines and declares” and simply begin statement with “The City’s integrated...”

2. Best Management Practices (BMP) Policy Update

Council supports pursuing the five recommendations of the BMP report. Clarification was given by staff of the difference between the Watershed Management Team and the Citizen Advisory Board. The former will be made up of staff from various City departments. The Advisory Board may be made up of appointed citizens, perhaps members of existing Boards and a representative from Colorado State University, who may then oversee the policy issues carried out by the Management Team.

3. Investigate a New Cost Share System

Several Council members expressed concern that a small group receives benefits from projects paid for by all the citizens, for example, undeveloped properties.

It was also pointed out that having an even rate across the city is fair since flood protection can be equated to fire and police protection.

There is support from Council to investigate this issue further. There is some concern about the amount of staff time this will take; therefore, staff will prepare a scope of work and a timeline for Council's consideration.

4. Fund Stream Restoration Projects with Stormwater Funds

This is supported, as long as the restoration is clearly for stormwater purposes. Since the extent of the expenditures is unknown, it's difficult to provide detailed direction now.

When the master plans are updated, they will include recommended stream restoration projects and their costs. Council will have the opportunity to review the master plans as well as a revised financial plan which includes stream restoration costs.

5. Poudre River Floodplain Regulations LOMR-Fills

This change closes a loop hole in the current regulations and provides staff the authority to not sign LOMR-Fill applications over FEMA's decision. Council supports investigating this further and bringing back code language changes for their consideration.

6. Poudre River Floodplain Regulations – Change 0.5 ft. Floodway to 0.1 ft. Floodway

Council supports further investigation of this change.

There is support for restricting development in the floodplain, but further information is needed. There is also concern about why the City would want to change something that was put in place only two years ago. Is it good governance to make a major change so soon? What is the County's opinion? What is the history behind the 2007 regulation change?

Staff will provide the history of the 2007 change, and prepare a scope of work and timeline for this investigation for Council information.

7. Poudre River Floodplain Regulations – Restrict All Structures in the Floodplain

Council supports further study of this regulation change. This work will take place in 2010, but does not need to be done on the exact timeline as the City Plan update. Staff will prepare a scope of work and timeline for the investigation for Council's information.

8. Update Master Plans Using a Triple Bottom Line Analysis

Council supports this. Staff will explain the scope and process to accomplish this as well as prepare a timeline for completion. Work will begin in 2010.

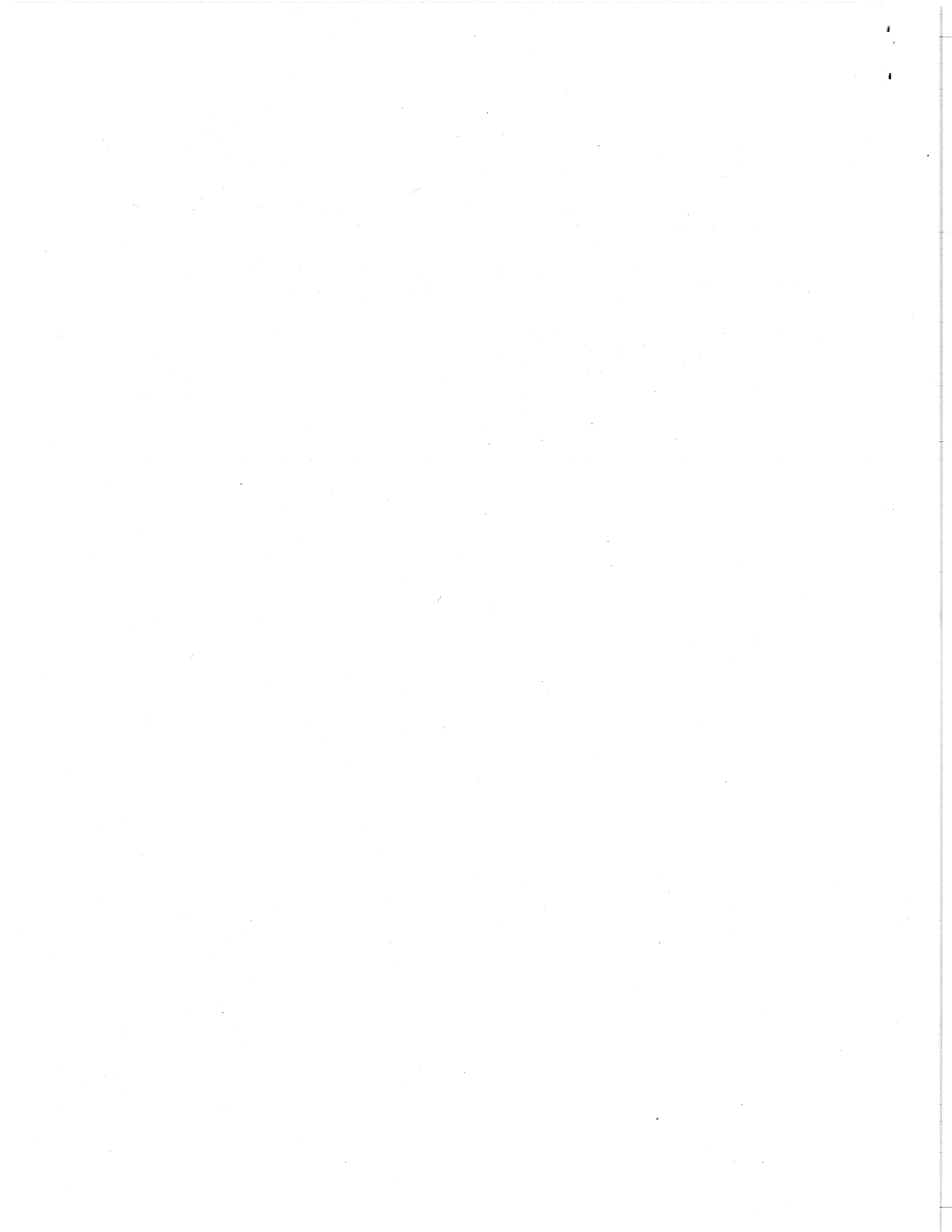
9. Adoption of Landscape Design Standards and Guidelines for Stormwater and Detention Ponds

Council supports adoption of the standards and guidelines. Staff will move forward with the adoption process.

Staff will continue with the programs implemented to date, and begin the research and public education on the additional components being considered.

Staff will prepare the information requested by the City Council to include:


- The cost of Stormwater Capital Projects dating back to 1995.
- A scope and timeline for each component of the Stormwater Repurposing effort.
- Agenda items for approval and final action by the City Council as they are completed.





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## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 8, 2009  
To: Mayor and City Council  
Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager   
From: Mike Freeman, Chief Financial Officer  
Re: December 8, 2009 Work Session Summary – 2010 & 2011 Budget Debriefing

City Council and staff discussed the 2010 & 2011 Budget process focusing on areas where improvements to the process, the budget document, and the budget deliberations could be made for the upcoming budget process for budget years 2011 & 2012. Following is a summary of the issues that were discussed and will be addressed in the upcoming budget process:

1. List all budget offers on the result area drilling platforms that are submitted by sellers to City Council
2. List all reduction offers or changes in levels of service that have been proposed on the drilling platforms
3. Use the technology tools to better illustrate the choices and options the City Council has for funding different offers across drilling platforms
4. Focus more at the City Council level on how different budget proposals or options will be funded – don't wait until the end of the process to identify funding sources

Staff present: Darin Atteberry, Mike Freeman

City Council present: Mayor Hutchinson, Council members Roy, Poppaw, Kottwitz

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Attachment