

RESOLUTION 82-178
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING IN CONCEPT A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY KNOWN AS DITCH CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Ft Collins is desirous of achieving for its citizens certain protection from potential damages resulting from runoff caused by the severe thunderstorms which are common to this region, and

WHEREAS, such protection is sought by the Council at a cost which is reasonable and affordable to the citizens of the City, keeping in mind the inherent risks and various alternative methods of achieving such protection, and

WHEREAS, a method has been developed whereby through mutual cooperation with the New Mercer Ditch Company and the Larimer County Canal No 2 Irrigation Company, the City of Ft Collins can, through consolidation, utilize facilities of the ditch companies for the conveyance and disposal of storm water runoff, and

WHEREAS, this proposal appears to offer to both the City and the ditch companies reciprocal benefits for the City possible storm water protection and better utilization of the 173 water stock and for the Ditch Companies reduced maintenance costs and guaranteed water supplies, and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding certain reservations expressed on the part of the Storm Drainage Board and the Water Board for good and valid reasons regarding possible costs and benefits to the City (which issues need further investigation and clarification) the City Council believes the concept known as Ditch Consolidation as it is embodied in the draft agreement attached has considerable merit, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of expressing its support of the concept to the stockholders and officers of the Ditch Companies and of continuing negotiations with the Ditch Companies regarding the matter

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1 That the Council of the City of Fort Collins declare to the stockholders and officers of the New Mercer Ditch Company and the Larimer County Canal No 2 Irrigating Company and to any other ditch companies or other entities who may have an interest in the proposed agreement or any modification thereof, that the concept of ditch consolidation appears to have considerable merit and may offer significant benefits to all parties

SECTION 2 That the City Council recognizes that there may remain unresolved issues with regard to the ultimate benefits and costs to the citizens of the City and to the stockholders of the ditch companies

SECTION 3 That the City Council urges the stockholders of the ditch companies to carefully consider the proposed agreement and the implications thereof and to communicate to the City their thoughts and opinions thereon

SECTION 4 That the City Council expresses its appreciation to the Storm Drainage Board and the Water Board for their comments and input, and requests that these boards continue to investigate and analyze the potential costs and benefits to the City and make a final recommendation to the City Council after due deliberation upon the best available information

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 21st day of December, A D 1982

Mayor



ATTEST

Deputy Molly J. Davis
City Clerk