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August 22, 2017

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
c/o Commission Assistant
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Letter of support for NISP Mitigation and Enhancement Plan

To the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission:

The Town of Erie, Colorado ("Erie") is a participant in the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District's ("Northern Water") Northern Integrated Supply Project ("NISP"), and has been a participant in NISP since its beginning in 2002. Erie has experienced considerable growth over the past 20 years and anticipates continued growth. NISP will be a key component of Erie's water portfolio in meeting potable water demands with a clean renewable source of water.

Erie is aware that Northern Water will present the proposed State Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (the "Plan") for NISP to the Commission for its consideration and potential approval on September 7. As a participant of NISP that has been intimately involved in the development of the Plan and which contributes funding for the mitigation and enhancement activities, Erie is impressed by the extent to which Northern Water has incorporated feedback from CPW and other stakeholders to develop an exceptionally robust and extensive mitigation and enhancement plan. We believe that the Plan will mitigate all impacts from the project by a multitude of mechanisms, such as the following: a water release program to guarantee minimum stream flows from Glade Reservoir through downtown Fort Collins; bypass structures at major diversion dams to provide downstream and upstream connectivity; bypass of diversions during peak flows in almost all years to flush sediments; conservation of land west of Glade Reservoir for big game habitat; and, the creation and maintenance of a recreational cold water fishery at Glade Reservoir.

Erie is confident that the Plan will not only thoroughly mitigate the impacts of NISP, but will also enhance and protect Colorado's treasured fish and wildlife resources. Erie respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tina Harris Mayor, Town of Erie