



NISP NEWS

A Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District publication

Project moves ahead in 2004

The purpose of NISP

The Northern Integrated Supply Project is a collaborative effort between 17 water providers (the participants) and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Its goal is to provide approximately 30,000 acre feet of new reliable water supplies for several growing communities in northeast Colorado. The project also will provide approximately 12,000 af of storage to improve the reliability of some existing supplies.

Phase II process complete

The NISP team has completed the Phase II Alternative Evaluation Report that documents the past year's work. The report explains the process of selecting a preferred alternative from more than 200 options. The preferred alternative is a combination of Glade Reservoir and the South Platte Water Conservation Project.

The goal of Phase II was to identify a project that would meet the participants' needs while minimizing environmental impacts. As NISP enters the permitting process and as new information is gathered, additional alternatives may surface.

Structural and non-structural alternatives were evaluated simultaneously using a staged screening process-- qualitative criteria first, then quantitative cri-

teria. The screening process produced a short list of concepts and elements that the NISP team combined into 36 alternatives, then scored using evaluation criteria to identify the most desirable alternative.

The Phase II Report is available on NCWCD's website. Contact the staff listed at right for a hard copy.

How to get more info

- Visit **NCWCD's** web site for up-to-date information on NISP. Learn about upcoming meetings and view documents. Go to www.ncwcd.org and click on the NISP button.

- **NCWCD** staff is available to make NISP presentations. This is a great opportunity to learn how NISP may affect you and to ask questions about the project. For more information, contact: Nicole Seltzer, Water Resources Planning & Environmental Liaison, (970) 622-2277 nseltzer@ncwcd.org

- **NCWCD** will hold NISP informational open houses in the spring and summer of 2004. **Watch for details!**

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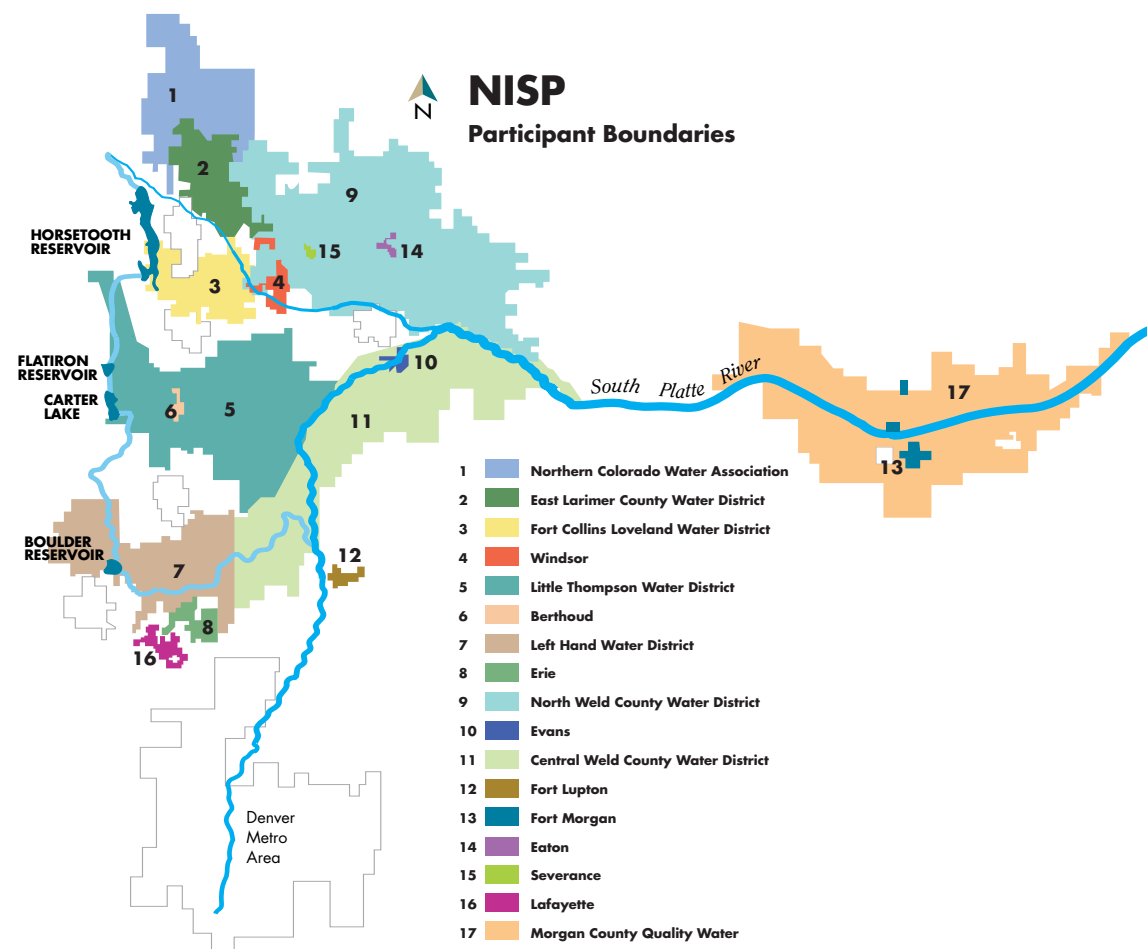


Figure A: Alternative Evaluation Process: Used to screen out concepts (general classes of solutions) and elements (specific individual projects) that did not meet NISP goals.

