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## **Northern Water Supports U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Decision to Conduct Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study on NISP**

*Additional study is a standard next step in an effort to develop the best possible water project for northern Colorado citizens*

The Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District today announced its support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to conduct a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement to further evaluate the Northern Integrated Water Supply Project. Through the supplemental study, the corps will gather and evaluate additional details on NISP and its potential impact on the environment. Supplemental studies are often required following the release of a draft Environmental Impact Statement for major municipal infrastructure projects like NISP.

“This supplemental environmental impact statement will be very useful as we cooperatively develop the best project possible for the citizens of northern Colorado,” said Northern Water General Manager Eric Wilkinson. “The 15 participating communities and water districts are deeply committed to seeing NISP completed in a fair, scientific, and defensible fashion, and we are equally committed to assuring that NISP is carefully designed and environmentally sensitive. As such, we support the Corps as it collects the additional information it needs to further evaluate this project.”

The NISP participants and communities support the same baseline data regarding hydrology, water quality, geomorphology, and other common parameters for the NISP, Halligan and Seaman projects.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a lengthy study on NISP and issued the original draft EIS in the spring of 2008. The public comment period that followed generated more than 2,000 comments.

### **About NISP**

A regional water supply project coordinated by Northern Water, NISP will provide 15 participating communities and water districts and their 200,000 residents with 40,000 acre-feet of new, reliable water. For more information, please visit [www.gladereservoir.org](http://www.gladereservoir.org) and click on the Latest News link.

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