



Water, Jobs and the Economy

The Northern Integrated Supply Project will provide 40,000 acre-feet of reliable, high-quality water to 15 municipalities and water districts in Northern Colorado (1 acre-foot of water serves about 2.5 families of four for one year). Because each water district serves multiple communities, NISP will provide businesses and residents water in nearly 30 towns and cities located across four counties in Northern Colorado:

Larimer County	Weld County	Morgan County	Boulder County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loveland • Fort Collins • Windsor • Timnath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erie • Fort Lupton • Windsor • Frederick • Firestone • Eaton • Severance • Kersey • Evans • Gilcrest • Platteville • Milliken • Dacono 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiggins • Weldona • Orchard • Goodrich • Fort Morgan • Brush • Hillrose • Snyder • Log Lane Village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lafayette • Erie • Niwot

Water Facilitates Economic Health

The availability of water and the economic health of a community are intrinsically, inextricably linked. The Northern Colorado economy is interconnected through housing, jobs, shopping and education. Communities that receive a portion of their water through NISP will benefit through their ability to serve existing and future populations, as well as attract and retain businesses and jobs.

Water for Business

The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization reports that employment in the region is expected to grow by 71.4 percent from 2005 to 2030, faster than either Denver or Colorado Springs. In order to meet the needs of future residents and area employers, the availability of water and well-planned water storage projects are essential for the region and the state's economic well-being. Even with strong conservation programs, water storage projects such as NISP are necessary. All NISP participants have active conservation programs in place, which has resulted in reduced water consumption between 15 and 20 percent since 1999. However, it is realized that conservation alone is not enough to meet the future water supply gap.

As one of the largest capital projects in the region, construction of NISP reservoirs and related infrastructure will create hundreds of jobs and pump millions of dollars into Northern Colorado's economy.

The water NISP will provide agricultural businesses, along with the “dry-up” it will slow down, will have a direct economic impact. Weld County, for example, is Colorado’s leading producer of beef cattle, grain, sugar beets and dairy products. Its agricultural products annually create more than \$1 billion of market value and it is ranked in the top 10 ag producing counties in the U.S. Leprino Foods is building its second largest U.S. plant in Greeley. It is slated to add 500 jobs and support ranchers who raise some 80,000 additional cows to produce milk found in cheese.

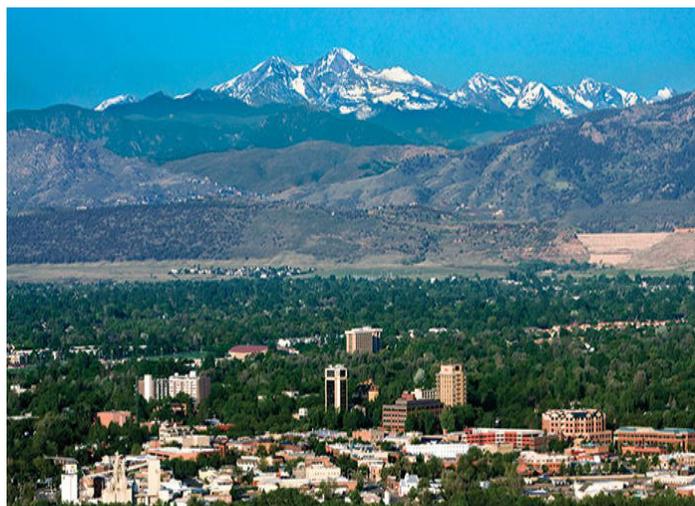
Additionally, diverse employers have recognized the benefits of water to Northern Colorado, including several with national and international credentials: Halliburton, IBM, Anheuser-Busch, Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center, JBS Swift & Company, Eastman Kodak, Owens- Illinois, Medical Center of the Rockies and State Farm Insurance.

Local economic development organizations recognize the importance of water and the economy. When companies are looking at potential sites, the availability of water is one of the key issues they research. The Larimer and Weld economic development plan, which has been submitted as a part of the State of Colorado’s plan, strongly supports water storage projects, including NISP, as important for jobs and the economy.

Jobs

NISP construction could take about four to eight years and create hundreds of construction jobs for local contractors and suppliers while pumping millions of dollars into Northern Colorado’s economy.

Procurement of local goods and services will be needed to support NISP construction. The project will employ trades and skills ranging from designers and engineers, excavation companies, pipe fitters, electricians, concrete providers, fabricators, landscape companies, equipment renters, among others.



NISP is endorsed by:

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Colorado Corn Growers Association	Progressive 15
Colorado Cattlemen’s Association	Upstate Colorado Economic Development
Colorado State Grange	Colorado Dairy Producers
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union	Colorado Pork Producers Council
Colorado Livestock Association	Colorado Egg Producers
	Colorado Sugarbeet Growers Association
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