

**Resolution of Support
Halligan/Seaman Enlargement Project
Northern Integrated Supply Project**

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado is an arid region with periodic droughts and must carefully manage, conserve and reuse water; and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado continues to grow and the area served by these projects is projected to need more than 40,000 acre-feet by 2025; and

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of water is essential for the economy, sustainable growth and quality of life of residents of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, these projects will be a major economic development opportunity for Northern Colorado, infusing nearly \$1 billion from the project's participants; and

WHEREAS, these projects are essential to the preservation of agriculture, the regional economy and the open space of Northern Colorado. Without these projects, more than 60,000 acres of farmland could dry up; and

WHEREAS, these projects will capture and store a significant amount of water currently leaving the state over and above its legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado must share its limited water resources for use by residents, businesses, agriculture and recreation, and these projects encourage cooperation among water agencies, municipalities, farmers and rural interests to protect supply and water quality; and

WHEREAS, HALLIGAN only uses in-basin supplies to meet Northern Colorado needs and includes the enlargement of Halligan Reservoir north of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, SEAMAN only uses in-basin supplies to meet Northern Colorado needs and includes the enlargement of Seaman Reservoir northwest of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, THE NORTHERN INTEGRATED SUPPLY PROJECT (NISP) uses only in-basin supplies to meet Eastern Slope needs and includes Glade Reservoir northwest of Fort Collins and Galetton Reservoir northeast of Greeley, with the reservoirs sited off-stream with no new structures on the river; and

WHEREAS, HALLIGAN/SEAMAN AND NISP are currently undergoing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with planning underway for more than a dozen years, with more than \$25 million invested to ensure the efficacy of the designs and environmental suitability,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by The North Poudre Irrigation Company, that it supports the Halligan/Seaman Reservoir Expansion Projects and NISP, which will provide more than 40,000 acre-feet of water for 17 municipalities and water districts representing nearly 500,000 residents in Northern Colorado; and thus encourages their permitting and construction.

Signed:  Date: 7-13-16

Title: President, The North Poudre Irrigation Company