

Issue of the Week: Halligan Water Supply Project

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What is the issue?

To improve year-round reliability and increase the amount of water detention controlled by the City of Fort Collins Water Utility, design, and approval for expansion of Halligan Reservoir along the North Fork of Cache la Poudre River is underway.

Why is it important to business?

The Chamber believes additional water storage, infrastructure and conveyance facilities should be pursued while at the same time exploring city-focused storage including, but not limited to, the expansion of the Halligan Reservoir and the development of the Northern Integrated Supply Project. [Where We Stand 2023]

How does it affect business?

A vibrant local economy relies upon the availability of safe, affordable, and reliable access to water for residential, commercial, and industrial users. Currently, the City Water Utility holds rights to water in excess of current storage capacity. Expanding facilities will help alleviate stress on our municipal system through periods of drought and other natural events.

Business's Role: While the development of additional storage is paramount, how that storage is developed will require careful and thorough evaluation. The business community must be vigilant in demanding candor and a full accounting of the costs and tradeoffs of available options. Municipal control of storage facilities is of lesser importance than cost, reliability, and timeliness of completion of such projects.

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