

### **Carl Pope lends his support to Glade Reservoir opposition**

FORT COLLINS — Before speaking about America's global role, Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope tackled a local issue Sunday.

Pope spoke out against the proposed Glade Reservoir to members of the Save the Poudre Coalition.

They met on the bank of the Cache la Poudre River, which flows behind the Northside Aztlan Center in Fort Collins.

"It's a real honor to have someone with the stature of Carl Pope to bring a national focus on one particular issue," said state Rep. Randy Fischer, D-Fort Collins.

Protecting water is the key environmental issue to address in the 21st century, rather than energy, Pope said.

There are lots of alternatives to fossil fuels, Pope said, but "there are not a lot of alternatives to water."

This century will require major transitions, especially because the West is addicted to reservoirs, like the nation is addicted to oil, Pope said.

The campaigns that have been successful in defeating proposed reservoirs have local people who care about the river and who have a better water plan than what reservoir developers have advanced, Pope said.

Save the Poudre has developed its own plan for the future of Colorado's water supply, and members will present it at a public meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center.

"I am proud to be part of a coalition that is not just saying 'no,' but is bringing solutions to the table," Fischer said.

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