



City opposes Glade Reservoir

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FORT COLLINS - The city of Fort Collins has a message for the Army Corps of Engineers: it doesn't want the Northern Integrated Supply Project, at least not as it's proposed.

The \$350 million project includes the controversial Glade Reservoir, which would draw and store water from the Poudre River. More than 30 residents showed up at Tuesday's City Council meeting to express their concerns. Opponents say the project endangers the environment, although in April, the Army Corps of Engineers said in its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the environmental impacts would be minimal.

The city of Fort Collins and its scientists disagree.

"Those impacts will be felt over decades, potentially, and we think those impacts will be quite profound," said John Stokes, director of natural resources for the city.

Those behind Glade say the Corps had it right in its draft EIS.

"We think that any study that takes four years and 40 to 50 scientists and specialists to look at has to do a pretty good job of looking at those impacts," said Brian Werner, spokesperson for the Northern Colorado Water Conservation District.

The Fort Collins City Council voted Tuesday night to approve a resolution opposing the project as it stands now.

The resolution doesn't carry any weight ? the city doesn't have the power to stop the reservoir. Tuesday's resolution allows city staff to submit comments to the Army Corps of Engineers. Sept. 13 is the deadline to comment on the draft EIS. The Army Corps of Engineers will weigh the arguments and make a final decision.

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