

The Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group

AGENDA

January 22, 2016

ACTIONS/MAJOR POINTS IN RED

- 7:30—8:00 Breakfast
- 8:00—8:15 Setting the Stage for the Day and Looking Forward—Reagan
- 8:15—8:45 What Is New on the Poudre? Participant Round Robin Update
- 8:45—9:45 Initiatives and Other Actions Reports--Discussion
- FORUM—John Stokes
 - FLOWS—Dan Brown
 - River Diversion Improvements —Wade Willis
 - Any earlier or new ideas participants want to bring forward/champion?
- 9:45—10:00 BREAK
- 10:00—11:30 PRTI's Ag/Urban Initiative (tentatively named Poudre Water Supply Futures)—Reagan facilitating

A Fresh Look at the Question:

What do we want the future to look like regarding water currently used in agriculture for irrigation, and water needed for urban growth? Can those wanting to keep agricultural lands viable work with those needing water for future urban growth work together to investigate the answer to that question?

We will be joined by:

- Sean Conway, Weld County Commissioner (Water4Weld) **HAD TO DECLINE AT LAST MOMENT**
- Larimer County Open Space (pilot project funded by CWCB)
- non-PRTI members of the new initiative

The dialogue centered around the controversy that has arisen regarding the research project that had been proposed by the PRTI Ag/Urban Initiative group (tentatively named Poudre Water Supply Futures Initiative.) That project, already funded, has been tabled, in hopes that a dialogue about the broader question, above, could lead to a more mutually acceptable approach to studying the issue of the future of agricultural water and the needs of urban growth.

Points made include the following:

- The City of Greeley is starting an ATM group. Members of PRTI were supportive and voiced interest in participating.
- The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado has accepted the gift from the donor and intends to honor its responsibility to see that it is used in keeping with the donor's intent: "Priority will be given to research and pilot projects that demonstrate use of specific tools that show promise to advance balanced solutions for the growing pressure on water in Colorado."

No action was taken by PRTI.

11:30—12noon Closing