

**TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 51, SERIES 2025**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING NORTHERN COLORADO WATER PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Timnath (“Town”) pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-103, has the power to pass resolutions; and

WHEREAS, members of the Northern Colorado Water Alliance represent a variety of special districts, municipal and county governments, and utilities facing different jurisdictional opportunities and challenges regarding the protection of water; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Colorado Water Alliance has developed the Water Principles set forth herein and recommended that the Town Council adopt a Resolution supporting such principles; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, civic leaders, water providers, and other water users of Northern Colorado have gone to extraordinary lengths since the 1860s to responsibly plan for, develop, and operate complex water systems that are essential to the region’s economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, civic leaders, water providers, and other water users of Northern Colorado are currently making significant investments in additional projects to increase water system resiliency, meet future demands, and provide a greater level of water security in the region; and

WHEREAS, Northern Colorado’s high quality of life is tied to the health and well-being of communities and depends directly on the availability of water resources; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution is intended to cause harm to Northern Colorado communities or infringe on the ability of members to fulfill their organizational missions; and

WHEREAS, water is a building block of the regional economy and is critical to the further economic development of the region; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and partnerships among water providers and other entities in Northern Colorado enable agreements to develop, maintain, and improve water storage, delivery, and treatment infrastructure that benefit water users in the region; and

WHEREAS, each water provider has the right to acquire sufficient water resources to meet its water users’ current and future demand; and

WHEREAS, each individual water right owner has the right to sell and/or transfer their water rights; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Northern Colorado Water Alliance to be transparent with water right owners and mutual ditch companies that manage water rights and not to diminish the value of those rights or alter the water market; and

WHEREAS, we respect Colorado's current system of water rights that is based on the doctrine of prior appropriation and other federal, state, and local laws and regulations that honor rights and obligations under existing permits, approvals, and agreements; and

WHEREAS, availability of water for agricultural, environmental, and recreational uses is tied to the economic and cultural value and character of the region; and

WHEREAS, the parties will, in their discretion and in good faith, interpret and implement the stated goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approval of Northern Colorado Water Principles

The Town will support efforts to retain water for local beneficial use by discouraging the further transfer of water to entities within the Denver metropolitan area; and will support efforts to seek appropriate mitigation to offset impacts to affected communities in circumstances where water must be transferred to the Denver metropolitan area.

Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to sign the Northern Colorado Water Alliance resolution that is compliance with this Resolution.

INTRODUCED, MOVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIMNATH, ON JULY 22, 2025.

TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO




Robert Axmacher, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Milissa Peters-Darcia". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Milissa Peters, MMC

Town Clerk