



*Ed Tauer, Mayor, City of Aurora*

"The Prairie Waters Project is a cutting edge idea that brings the state's most valuable resource—water—to Aurora's most valuable asset, our residents."

*Tom Cech, Director Central Colorado Water Conservancy District*

"The partnership being developed by the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District and the city of Aurora has been critical in allowing wells in Adams, Morgan, and Weld counties to continue to operate."

*Gary Amy, Ph.D., Professor of Water Supply and Sanitation, UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water Education*

"Aurora's Prairie Waters Project is truly on the cutting edge of new approaches to treating drinking water with a multi-barrier approach that includes a robust natural treatment process: aquifer recharge and recovery ... The ARR process will be designed and operated to provide treatment performance for removal of emerging substances that is equivalent to more expensive advanced treatment processes (e.g., reverse osmosis). I urge the stakeholders of the service area to embrace this exciting new vision of safe drinking water treatment, which couples high performance with sustainability."

*Wendy Mitchell, President of the Aurora Economic Development Council*

"By increasing Aurora's water supply by 20 percent, the Prairie Waters Project will ensure that we have a reliable supply of water well into the future and that means we will be able to continue developing jobs and having a strong and healthy economy."

*Rocky Mountain News editorial, October 10, 2005*

"... Aurora is taking active steps to ensure there is enough water, not only to protect current residents but to provide for anticipated growth ... city officials are to be congratulated for not just twiddling their thumbs until the next, inevitable drought arrived."

*Jay A. Gershen, D.D.S., Ph.D., Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center*

"Our efforts to build one of the leading life sciences and biotechnology campuses in the world at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora could not go forward without having a reliable supply of clean, high quality water. Aurora's Prairie Waters Project is the linchpin of this. We applaud the vision and leadership of the mayor and the city council in moving forward this important water project."

*Marc Parker, Vice President and Division Manger, Commercial Banking, US Bank*

"The city of Aurora is being fiscally smart about how it is increasing its water supply. This project develops water the city already owns, as opposed to trying to buy new water supplies from some other part of the state, saving the Aurora taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. Other cities would be smart to follow Aurora's lead in how they develop new water supplies."



*Jim Martin, Former Executive Director of Western Resource Advocates, one of the West's leading environmental advocacy organizations*

"Aurora's Prairie Waters Project is a win-win. It will provide good, clean water to Aurora's customers and can be done in a way that minimizes impacts on the environment. I wholeheartedly support this project and Aurora's good success with water conservation. Aurora is finding good ways to meet the current and future water needs of its citizens."

*John Shaw, Vice President of Real Estate, Opus Northwest, one of the leading architecture and construction companies in the region*

"Our organization does business in many communities within the metro area and throughout Colorado and we know first-hand how many of them are struggling to make sure they have enough water to meet their current and future needs. Aurora, however, is ahead of the game. Not only will its Prairie Waters Project deliver 20 percent more water to the city, but it will do so in a fiscally and environmentally responsible way. Aurora is a leading example of how a city can secure its water future – my hats off to the visionary leadership of the Mayor and City Council for pursuing this project."

*Don Ament, Former Commissioner, Colorado Department of Agriculture*

"The Prairie Waters Project creates opportunities for cities and the agricultural community to work together to maximize the use of the state's water. This efficient use of Aurora's existing water rights will reduce the pressures for transfers of agricultural water rights."

*Glen Bodner, Water Quality Expert, Colorado Department of Public*

*Health and Environment* "This is the wave of the future ... Water systems are going to be looking for additional sources of drinking water, Aurora is leading the charge."