

Aurora Reservoir Water Purification Facility



Using some of the most advanced water treatment technology available; the Aurora Reservoir Water Purification Facility will treat up to 50 million gallons of water per day. Located on an 80-acre site north of the Aurora Reservoir, the facility will use softening, advanced ultraviolet oxidation, filtration and granulated activated carbon adsorption to provide water customers with the high quality water they have come to expect.

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"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."

*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."

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"So 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."

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- Ultraviolet light used for water treatment is similar to what is used in hospitals and dental offices to sterilize instruments.
- Aurora Water is one of only 34 other water utilities in the nation to receive recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for greatly exceeding federal drinking water standards.
- The Aurora Reservoir will be used to augment the Prairie Waters Project rather than for extra storage. Following treatment, water from the Prairie Waters Project will combine with water from the Aurora Reservoir and directly enter the city's distribution system.

