

City of Longmont Guiding Water Principles

	<i>Statement of Goal</i>	<i>Policy Statement</i>
Goal 1	The City will acquire and maintain a raw water supply sufficient to meet the water demands of the City at full build-out of the Longmont Planning Area during a drought with a 1 in 100 year recurrence interval.	The City will maintain diligence on conditional water supply projects. The City will continue to meet its Raw Water Quality of Life Benchmark. The City will continue to pursue efforts to maintain and improve the yields of its water rights and interests in regional water projects.
Goal 2	The City will maintain and enforce a Raw Water Requirement Policy that is consistent with other policies adopted by the city, and that support the attainment of the other goals stated in this document.	The City will continue to consistently apply the Raw Water Requirement Policy to all new development in the City. The City will continue to revise the Raw Water Policy as necessary to meet the water supply needs of the City.
Goal 3	The City will acquire, develop, and beneficially use a water supply that consists of water rights in the South Platte and Colorado River basins.	The City's water supply will continue to be composed approximately one-third from the Colorado Big Thompson and Windy Gap projects with the balance from St. Vrain and Left Hand basin water rights.
Goal 4	The City will pursue policies that develop and maintain a high quality raw water supply for delivery to treatment facilities either directly or by exchange.	The City will place highest priority on development and maintenance of water originating in high mountain watersheds, and the storage of that water in mountain reservoirs. The City will integrate other sources of supply, giving highest priority to exchanges. The integration of such supplies into the treatment system will take place as demand requires and when technology of treatment evolves to allow for high quality potable water at reasonable treatment costs.
Goal 5	The City will pursue policies that promote the retention and preservation of water supplies that originate in the St Vrain Basin for use within the St. Vrain Valley.	The City will work cooperatively with the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District and local irrigation companies and water districts to develop and implement strategies that result in the preservation, retention, and use of native water supplies.
Goal 6	The City will pursue policies that will protect and improve the quality of the water supplies in the St. Vrain Creek watershed.	The City will continue to develop and implement watershed protection programs, actively participate in implementing projects and programs that improve the water quality of storm water discharges, and discharges from the Wastewater Treatment Plant that are within the Total Maximum Daily Loading of the St. Vrain Creek.
Goal 7	The City will develop and implement a water conservation policy that strives to achieve a sustainable use of its water resources.	The City will strive to achieve water conservation that results in water demands at build out of the Longmont Planning Area that are 10 percent lower than current projections. The City will pursue water development that does not rely on the dry up of agricultural lands.

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Goal 8	The City will pursue water policies and operations that minimize adverse environmental impacts.	The City will independently and in partnership with other agencies and organizations evaluate the environmental impacts of water development projects and operate the City's water resource facilities to minimize adverse environmental impacts while not unreasonably diminishing the yield of the City's water supplies.
Goal 9	The City will pursue water policies and operations that promote multiple uses of water.	The City will manage its water resources with the primary goal of meeting the domestic water needs of its customers while also striving to provide for other water uses such as recreational, agricultural, and environmental.
Goal 10	The City will develop a strategy of flexibility in raw water supply that will enable it to respond to changes in supply and demand conditions.	The City will continue to acquire, develop and operate its water supply to provide for the necessary redundancy, flexibility and capacities to address potential changes in climate, system and operational failures, and changes in water demands while maintaining a reliable water supply.
Goal 11	The City will consider regional supply and treatment partnerships and agreements that complement and support other regional goals of the City and clearly benefit the citizens of Longmont.	The Longmont Municipal Charter, Section 11.1, allows the City to provide extraterritorial water service provided the agreements or contracts clearly benefit the inhabitants of the City.
Goal 12	The City will develop strategies to meet the above goals in the most economically beneficial manner for the citizens of Longmont.	The City will continue to evaluate the costs and benefits of all water development strategies and seek to meet the water needs of the community using favorable financing options, encouraging water conservation, efficient project designs, and partnering in regional water projects where appropriate.