



The project is the most cost-effective alternative identified to meet Fort Collins Utilities' water storage and supply needs. The current cost estimate indicates water will be supplied at about \$14,500 per acrefoot, which is less expensive than other water sources in the Front Range. Costs may increase as project details are refined.

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will provide a comparison of costs for all the water storage alternatives considered and is anticipated to be released in 2019.



Unlike other alternatives considered to meet our water supply needs, the expanded Halligan Reservoir will be gravity-fed and no pumping will be required to convey water to or from the reservoir. Because of this, no additional greenhouse gases will be emitted, which is consistent with the City of Fort Collins' climate action goals.



The Halligan Reservoir expansion is a relatively small project, inundating approximately 130 additional acres of land. It will be expanded to a total area of 380 acres when complete. After enlargement, Halligan Reservoir will hold about one-tenth the volume of Horsetooth Reservoir and be about one-fifth the area. Unlike Halligan, the other alternatives being considered require significant additional infrastructure, including pipelines, pump stations and pre-treatment facilities.



Expanding Halligan Reservoir will help provide a safe, reliable water supply for current and future generations of Fort Collins Utilities water customers and added protection from interruptions in water availability and delivery due to prolonged drought and emergencies.



Due to existing reservoir operations, the North Fork of the Poudre River runs dry at times (above left). This disconnected river system results in a stressed and unhealthy aquatic habitat. If expanded, reservoir operations will ensure minimum flows in the river year-round, restoring basic river functions. These improvements will provide a more natural and connected environment, benefiting the entire North Fork watershed.



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