

TOWN OF NEDERLAND  
Boulder County, Colorado

RESOLUTION 2014 - 20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND IN SUPPORT OF BOULDER COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE 1A FOR A COUNTY-WIDE FLOOD RECOVERY SALES AND USE TAX

WHEREAS, in September 2013, an unprecedented amount of rain fell along the Colorado Front Range, including Boulder County, creating such pervasive flooding, damage and destruction that the Boulder County Board of Commissioners declared a County-wide disaster, the Governor of Colorado declared a State disaster, and the President of the United States declared the September Colorado Flood a Presidential Disaster; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the flooding, thousands of Boulder County residents were impacted as more than 1,600 homes were damaged or destroyed, more than 150 private bridges and driveways were destroyed or received significant damage, thousands of residents were unable to return to their homes for a significant period of time, and four individuals perished; and

WHEREAS, said flood caused extensive damage and destruction to both public and private property across Boulder County, including homes, businesses; infrastructure providing water, sewer, and power; roads, bridges; trails, recreation areas, ditches, and reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, by Federal estimates Boulder County was the most impacted county in this disaster with FEMA individual assistance totaling over \$35 million and Small Business Association assistance to individuals and businesses totaling almost \$65 million; FEMA Public Assistance currently estimated at more than \$82 million and Federal Highway Road Damage of \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of damage to public infrastructure in Boulder County is more than \$217 million, including an estimated \$128 million in damage to County roads, \$29 million in damage to waterways and ditches within the County, and an estimated \$14 million in immediate flood response and mitigation of high hazard situations; and

WHEREAS, the County must pay for the costs already expended on recovery efforts as well as the costs necessary for continuing recovery work, such as the rebuilding of roads and bridges, restoring public parks and trails, reimbursing repair costs to qualifying individuals, improving existing culverts and drainage facilities to prevent future flooding, and other restoration measures designed to prevent or minimize future harm to people and property; and

WHEREAS, if the continuing recovery work is not performed, property values may be diminished, residents and business owners may feel unsafe or unsupported, and people and resources may move to other communities, resulting in a loss of valuable resources to the County, including the Town of Nederland; and

WHEREAS, if the continuing recovery work is not performed, the County, including the Town of Nederland, is at increased risk of suffering catastrophic losses once again in the event of another significant flood; and

WHEREAS, the County estimates that, after accounting for all State and Federal reimbursement, the County has approximately \$56.1 million in flood recovery expenses that it must fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has therefore referred to County voters a proposed 0.185% (18.5 hundredths of one percent) sales and use tax, to be used solely for the purposes of flood recovery measures, to be voted upon as County Ballot Issue 1A at the November 4, 2014 election; and

WHEREAS, the County estimates that revenues from the proposed sales and use tax would generate approximately \$49.6 million of the estimated \$56.1 million of necessary flood recovery expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Nederland Board of Trustees ("Board") finds that the on-going flood recovery work planned by the County is necessary and desirable as a means to continue the repair of the destruction wrought by the September 2013 flood and to mitigate the possibilities of such catastrophic damage again in the event of another significant flood; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that such flood recovery work, even if not performed within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Nederland, benefits Town residents and businesses, as County infrastructure and services can directly impact the Town and as the health, safety and welfare of the entire County, State and planet ultimately affects every person living therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board therefore desires to express its support of said Ballot Issue 1A, as further set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO:**

For the reasons stated above, the Board of Trustees hereby officially declares its support for Boulder County Ballot Issue 1A for a county-wide flood recovery sales and use tax.

RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND

By:   
Joe Gierlach, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michele Martin, Town Clerk

