



## City's False Claims Sabotage Water for Bison

The Castle Pines North Metropolitan District (the “District”) is saddened to report that elected officials of the City of Castle Pines misrepresented relevant facts to City & County of Denver regarding water service and the District’s Dissolution Plan (required under the dissolution proceedings) resulting in Denver’s request to withdraw its Inclusion Petition to bring water to its Daniels Park bison herd.

Despite receiving over 100 emails from residents throughout the community urging the District Board to approve Denver's Inclusion Petition and thereby bring water to the Daniels Park bison, the District Board met last night in front of a standing room only crowd to reluctantly honor Denver's request to withdraw its Daniels Park Inclusion Petition.

During last night's public comment period, neither Mayor Jeff Huff nor Assistant City Attorney Marcus McAskin disclosed that the City of Castle Pines disingenuously offered to provide water service to the bison at a lower cost than the District could, despite the fact that the City possesses neither the water, nor the water rights, nor the water infrastructure to do so. Instead, both Huff and McAskin chastised the District Board for following a well-established District policy of requiring the more transparent Inclusion proceeding, as opposed to the alternative Out-of-District Service Agreement.

Claiming a desire to work with the District and Denver, the City of Castle Pines yesterday filed a motion in District Court asking the Judge for an immediate injunction to prevent the District from considering Denver's Inclusion Petition. Had the District considered and approved Denver's petition last night, the District would be working today to bring water to the Daniels Park bison herd. Instead, the City deliberately sabotaged the District's efforts. Only after the City of Castle Pines misrepresented relevant facts to Denver regarding the District's Dissolution Plan development and process did Denver withdraw its Petition to secure water for its bison.

Regardless of whether or not Denver approaches the District again to bring Daniels Park into the District’s service area to provide its bison with water, **please be advised:**

- 1) As the community's drinking water and renewable water services provider, the District is ready, willing and able to work with Denver to extend safe, reliable water services to the Daniels Park bison;
- 2) The District will continue complying fully with the letter and the spirit of the State of Colorado's dissolution statute by assembling and submitting the single most fiscally responsible Dissolution Plan it possibly can with the Douglas County District Court; and
- 3) Upon Court approval, the District will take the Dissolution Plan to the ballot for a community-wide vote. District voters will decide whether or not to dissolve the District, not City Council, and not the Mayor.

For additional information, please refer to the information the District mailed to your home two weeks ago, or visit the District's homepage at [cpnmd.org](http://cpnmd.org), or email District Manager, Jim Worley at [jworley@cpnmd.org](mailto:jworley@cpnmd.org).

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