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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SOUTH PLATTE ROUND TABLE APPROVED DEWATERING PLAN**

WELD COUNTY, CO – During Wednesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Sean Conway reported the South Platte Round Table unanimously approved a resolution from the Ground Water Technical Committee for a dewatering plan in the Town of Gilcrest. Conway serves as the Weld County representative for the group.

For years, Gilcrest residents have struggled with basement flooding due to the high-water levels of the aquifer. This plan will allow pumping of some wells in the Gilcrest area which will send water back to the river in hopes of lowering the water table by up to a foot and a half.

"This is an urgent matter that we hope to have instituted within 2-3 weeks," said Commissioner Conway. "If not, we may have issues like last fall with people having water in their basements or potential crop damage due to the aquifer rising."

The Ground Water Technical Committee recommended starting with one well and working towards pumping more wells, possibly up to ten, depending on funding.

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