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### WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ATTEND GEISERT PIT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

WELD COUNTY, CO – Last week, the Weld County Board of Commissioners attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District (CCWCD) Geisert Pit, which will be used for water storage and augmentation.

The land, which was once the Weld County Hokestra Gravel Pit, was sold to CCWCD in 2014. As part of the arrangement, CCWCD has agreed to store and release the County's Rural Ditch shares in accordance with the Substitute Water Supply Plan at no cost, therefore, saving money for the residents of Weld County.



*Weld County Commissioners, Executive Director of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, Board Members from the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District and Weld County Director of Public Works break ground at the Geisert Pit.*

"This Geisert Pit is vital to the future of water storage in Weld County," said Executive Director of CCWCD Randy Ray. "Being able to store and augment water will help reduce the water-supply shortage for the counties we serve."

The location of the pit was appealing to CCWCD because of the close proximity to the Cache la Poudre River, which makes it easy to store water then release it as needed back to the river. CCWCD will be able to store 200 to 300 acre-feet of water in this pit.

that water storage was the number one concern for Weld County residents," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "It is important we protect water in this county, and with the collaboration between Weld County Government and the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District we are working towards ensuring water storage for the future."

"A few years ago, Weld County Commissioners developed a bottom-up economic development plan, and after several regional forums we found

"The Board would like to commend the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, Hall-Irwin and Weld County Public Works for their hard work on this project," said Commissioner Sean Conway. "The Geisert Pit is very important to residents especially farmers and ranchers. Agriculture is still the number one industry in Weld County, and projects like this will allow farmers to have access to water and for agriculture growth in Weld County."

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