



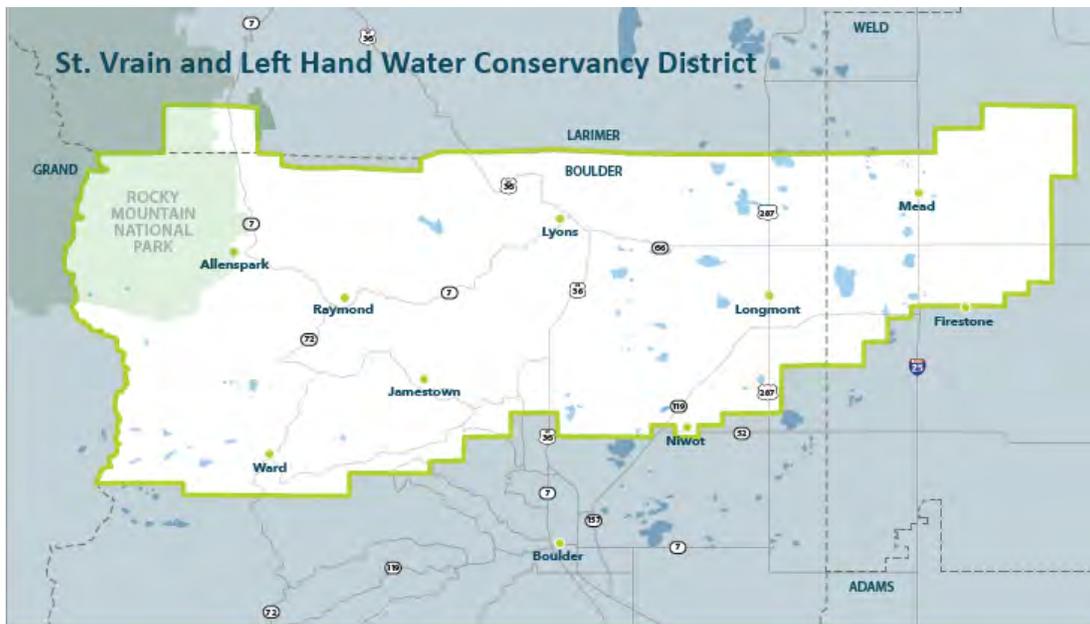
# YES ON 7A FOR OUR WATER

Nothing is more important than having clean water to drink. By protecting the water flowing in our rivers and creeks, we can ensure the quality of our water supplies.

## **Voting YES on 7A ensures people, wildlife, local food and the environment have high quality water now and in the future.**

The St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District works to **protect local water quality and ensure we have water supplies** for generations to come. For nearly 50 years, the district has successfully protected our water by facilitating conservation programs, protecting water quality, educating the public and developing and managing water projects. But managing water is complex. In response to growing challenges including increasing demand for water by people and nature, the District developed a 5-point Action Plan to ensure our water quality and quantity are protected. This plan identifies key goals to ensure the plan's success of safeguarding water quality and quantity and maintaining healthy rivers and creeks.

The District serves communities in the counties of Boulder, Weld and Larimer, from the mountains to the plains including residents in Lyons, Longmont, Mead and Firestone and the surrounding area draining into St. Vrain and Left Hand Creeks. **This election you can help protect our clean water and healthy rivers by voting Yes on 7A!**



### **Why does the Conservancy District need additional funding?**

Nothing is more important than having **clean reliable water** to drink. The population of the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District serves is growing every day. The District needs to be able to plan ahead to protect and conserve our sources of water, promote water conservation, and ensure water quality for our area.

The District's 5-Point Action Plan does this. Additional financial resources are needed to support the implementation of the Plan and ensure the District can protect healthy rivers and water supplies for the local communities for generations to come.

### **How will we benefit from Voting Yes on 7A?**

Question 7A requires the District to use the revenue raised to protect and safeguard St. Vrain and Left Hand Creeks by:

- **Protecting water quality and drinking water sources:** 7A will provide funds to reduce the risk from drought, fires, and floods that can harm water quality and help ensure clean drinking water.
- **Safeguarding and conserving drinking water:** 7A will help improve the efficiency of our water supplies and put water-smart conservation programs into action.
- **Maintaining healthy rivers and creeks:** 7A will help restore and sustain healthy creeks and wetlands.
- **Planning ahead for dry years:** 7A will ensure funding to reduce the impacts of a greater demand and a changing climate by optimizing water management for communities, wildlife and everyone who plays on or enjoys our rivers and creeks – even during a dry year.
- **Growing food local:** 7A will help ensure adequate water for local farms, help those farmers become more water efficient to save them water and money, and prevent metro area purchases of agricultural water.

### **How much funding will the measure raise and what is the impact on homeowners?**

St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District is funded through property taxes. In its fifty years of operations, the **District has never once asked voters for additional funds. Voting Yes on 7A** will ensure the District can continue supporting local agriculture, healthy rivers, and a secure water future. Cost to homeowners will be approximately \$9.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Costs to businesses is \$36.24 per \$100,000 of assessed value. 7A will automatically end or sunset after 10 years.

### **How do I know the District will use the funds correctly?**

A volunteer, appointed board of local residents will oversee spending and on an annual basis, the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District will publish an independent audit identifying the uses of District funds. Also, the measure will automatically end or sunset in 2030 (10 years) and in order to continue, will require future voter approval.

### **What can I do to help support the District and protect local water supplies?**

In order to ensure the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District can continue supporting clean drinking water, healthy rivers and a secure water future, **Vote YES on 7A**, and encourage your friends and family to Vote YES on 7A: For Clean Water, Healthy Rivers.

Learn more at about Vote YES on 7A For Our Water at [www.svlhfriend.org](http://www.svlhfriend.org)