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Construction commences on new water supply pipeline

BERTHOUD – Work has begun on a new pipeline project to bring reliable water supplies to four water providers in Boulder and Larimer counties. Called the Southern Water Supply Project II, the pipeline will bring additional Colorado-Big Thompson Project and Windy Gap Project water to the city of Boulder, town of Berthoud, Left Hand Water District and the Longs Peak Water District.

The \$44 million project includes more than 20 miles of steel pipe that will provide improved water quality, increased delivery reliability and during some portions of the year will act as the primary source of raw water for the participants in the project.

“Boulder is excited to partner with neighboring water providers to construct this important project,” said Jeff Arthur, Boulder’s Director of Public Works for Utilities. “The pipeline will greatly improve the resilience of Boulder’s water supply and help provide consistently high-quality source water to our treatment facilities. The collaborative approach provides a unique opportunity for the partners to meet their customers’ needs in a more-efficient and cost-effective manner,” he added.

The first 12 miles of the pipeline, from Carter Lake to St. Vrain Road in Longmont, will parallel the existing Southern Water Supply Project pipeline. From the St. Vrain Road location near Vance Brand Airport in Longmont, the pipeline will continue south toward its terminus at the Boulder Reservoir Water Treatment Plant. Officials estimate the project will be complete in early 2020.

Northern Water is coordinating the project on behalf of its participants through one of its water activity enterprises, the Southern Water Supply Project Enterprise.

More information about the project is available at www.swsp2.org.

About Northern Water:

Northern Water, a public agency created in 1937, provides water for agricultural, municipal, domestic and industrial uses to an eight-county service area with a population of nearly 960,000. Northern Water and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation operate the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, which collects water on the West Slope and delivers it to Northeastern Colorado through a 13-mile tunnel beneath Rocky Mountain National Park. It and the Municipal Subdistrict are currently developing the Windy Gap Firming Project and the Northern Integrated Supply Project to enhance Front Range water supplies for the future.