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### **Aurora Agrees to Negotiate Perpetual Water for Roxborough Community**

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City of Aurora Mayor Edward J. Tauer and Larry Moore, General Manager Roxborough of Water and Sanitation District (RWSD), have reached a cooperative commitment to accelerate discussions regarding the Roxborough community's perpetual source of raw water.

"Obtaining a perpetual water supply for Roxborough has been the single most important issue for the community," said Moore. He continued, "This is an important commitment from the City of Aurora; together we feel confident telling our residents that a solution is at hand."

RWSD has been a raw-water customer of the City of Aurora for over 38 years and has 12 more years remaining on their existing 50-year water contract. With Roxborough's aggressive conservation programs and reduced build-out, a new agreement would require less water than the existing contract.

Aurora's commitment is a result of an inter-governmental agreement called the WISE Partnership. It is a three-party agreement between Aurora Water, Denver Water, and the South Metro Water Supply Authority (Douglas and s. Arapahoe County water providers), which RWSD of is a member.

The Douglas County Commissioners support of the WISE Partnership, along with Aurora's commitment to a regional water solution were key in opening discussions for a perpetual water contract for the Roxborough community.

In recent years, the community has banded together to become more water efficient. Proactive residents were able to produce a sizeable reduction in water consumption during peak summer months through conservation, replacement of turf grass to drought with landscaping, upgrading to more water efficient irrigation practices, and utilizing energy-efficient, approved appliances (high efficiency toilets and washing machines). To date, Roxborough residents have replaced many of their inefficient appliances and fixtures by utilizing rebates being offered by the District ([www.roxwater.org](http://www.roxwater.org)).

FOOTNOTE: The Roxborough Water and Sanitation District (RWSD) was formed in 1972 and now provides water and wastewater services to the Roxborough community. At its inception, the District purchased the City of Aurora's off-line water treatment plant (built in the early

1950s and located near Roxborough) and contracted for 3,100 acre-feet of water annually for 50 years. The Roxborough community is located just southwest of the Chatfield Reservoir.

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