

Urgent plead to Congressman Gardner re: Non-historic flooding of the South Platte River Basin

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Dear Congressman Gardner,

Please do what you can do to draw attention to this critical matter of non-historic flooding along the South Platte River Basin. Governor Hickenlooper appears to be ready to declare this an emergency, but is being blocked.

For example, Thursday the 17th, both Chuck and I testified on the Sonnenberg/Brophy SB 12-142. Though pushed by Sen. Brophy, John Stulp refused to relay, for the record, the governor's sentiments. Had he done so, we believe the bill would have passed and relief initiated for those whose properties are being destroyed.

Cory, I can't describe the honest rage that's rising from the affected parties. They're not respectfully acknowledged (you should have witnessed some of the bored, condescending senators), are witnessing attorneys threaten suit to any who dares provide relief from this man-made occurrence, and subjected to elected officials who whine because - I guess - us clunkers out here in the sticks are a bit clumsy when we holler HELP!

Believe it! I was told that Bob Longenbaugh, the most water knowledgeable individual in the state, "is a detriment." Why? Because his truths and facts fly in the face of the corrupt who are enjoying unjust enrichment off the destruction of others.

If Bob Longenbaugh could spend 1 unfiltered hour (at no cost to taxpayers) with the Governor, he could show John the hydrological steps necessary for immediate relief to the property owners, followed by the corrections that must be made to **alleviate this non-historic event from occurring again**. Bob can also show how all this can be done at a mere fraction of the hefty bill killing fiscal note clomped on to Rep. Fischer's HB 12-1278.

Chuck & I plan to testify again Monday (20th) on Fischer's bill, with prayers that wisdom will prevail. Would you please inform Governor Hickenlooper that he's facing an underground tsunami that - if left as is, will destroy thousands of production ag acres, private property, livelihoods and even lives?

I cannot stress the urgency of this enough.

Thank you Congressman,

Roni Bell Sylvester

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