

Senate Ag Committee Testimony: 4/16/15

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.

My name is Rick McCloud and I am the Water Resources Manager for Centennial Water and Sanitation District. I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 253.

Centennial provides the water supplies for the 100,000 population community of Highlands Ranch south of Denver

Centennial is one of nine participants in the Chatfield Reallocation Project, which makes available an additional 20,600 acre feet of storage space in Chatfield reservoir without compromising the important flood control function of the reservoir.

This project uses an existing, on-channel storage reservoir to develop an estimated 8,500 AF of urgently needed additional water supplies for municipal, agricultural and recreational uses.

The plan includes \$118 million in mitigation measures to responsibly address the project's impacts to recreational and environmental assets.

The project, which had been studied for 20 years, received in 2014 its Record of Decision and signed its Water Storage Agreement allowing the project to move into the implementation stage.

I am here today representing the other eight Chatfield Reallocation project participants who wish me to express their united support for Senate Bill 253, the CWCB projects bill.

CWCB has been the sponsor of and a tremendous partner in the Chatfield Reallocation Project

In the projects bill, at section 16, there are proposed language alterations designed to increase the flexibility of the CWCB to provide loans for the Chatfield Reallocation Project.

Five project participants are pursuing CWCB loans for the project totaling \$88 million. These loans are a tremendous help with the financing of the project helping to make the project more financially feasible.

I respectfully request your approval of Senate Bill 253. Thank you.