

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

100 LEAVES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ON APRIL 24, 1987

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 11:00 A.M. on the above date at the Townhouse Restaurant, Pueblo, Colorado.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: K. Farley, P. Kelly and G. Sandstrom
ALSO PRESENT : R. Koester and L. Ward
GUEST PRESENT : Phil Cole, Pueblo Chieftain

The minutes of the Special meeting of April 9, and the regular meeting of March 24, were approved as presented.

The Board discussed the Runyon Lake Permit release (copy attached) and concluded that the District is in a position to take title to the second lake area, and description of land and title policy be secured now. Engineer Koester is to proceed with legal description, and Attorney Ward with Title work.

Mr. Sandstrom indicated that warning signs are available from the Division of Parks for posting at points upstream of the Santa Fe Crossing and Dam, warning boaters to "take out" of the river before reaching dangerous water. Engineer Koester will arrange to secure signs for placement as needed.

The Board then adjourned to meet with City, County and Division of Wildlife committees on "Fishing is Fun" reports, at which time the County made a report on their Recreation Corridor Study (copy attached). Those attending the report session, in addition to the District Members were:

Jim Spaccamonti
Steve Meir
Tim Merriman
Bob Gilliland
Chuck Barton

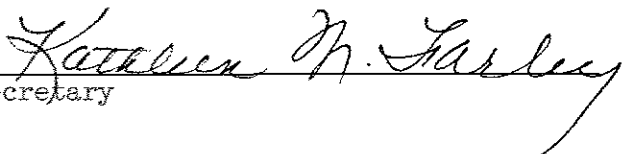
The Board then continued with the business portion of the meeting. It was agreed to have Sandstrom & Kelly review bids on \$400,000 in Certificates of Deposits on the morning of April 30, 1987, and sign vouchers for their purchase at that time.

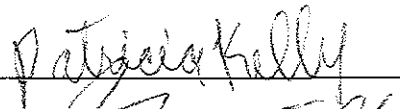
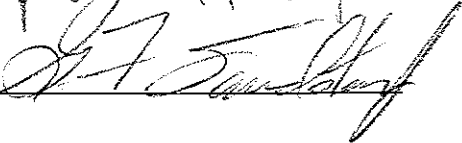
The following vouchers were also approved for payment:

17386	Internal Revenue Service	\$128.70
17387	McLaughlin Water Engineers, Ltd.	2416.89
17388	Kathleen Farley	111.42
17389	Gus Sandstrom	111.42
17390	Patricia Kelly	111.42
17391	K L H Engineering Consultants, Inc.	455.00
17392	Predovich & Ward Attorneys	150.00
17393	Townhouse Restaurant	67.43

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned and the next regular meeting of the District will be held at 8:05 A.M. on May 29, 1987, at the office of the District.

APPROVED:


Secretary

THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Date April 6, 1987

Acct. #	Account	1986 Spent	1987 Budget	Current Month March thru	Total at 4/9/87	Unused Portion of Budget
#80	Attorney's Fees	\$ 1,800.	\$ 1,800.	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1350
#81	Director's Fees	\$ 2,409.	\$ 3,600.	\$ 360.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 2700.
#82	FICA Taxes	\$ 156.	\$ 500.	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 500.
#83	Engr.-Administrator	\$ 4,560.	\$ 4,560.	\$ 380.00	1140.	3420.
#90	Audit Fees	\$ 1,000.	\$ 1,200.	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1200.
#92	Ins. & Bond Premiums	\$ 2,658.	\$ 3,000.	\$ 2379.	\$ 2379.	\$ 621.
#96	Office Supplies, Postage	\$ 681.	\$ 700.	\$ 11.	\$ 83.	\$ 617.
#97	Office & Equip. Rent	\$ 900.	\$ 900.	\$ 75.	\$ 225.	\$ 675.
#100	Professional Fees	\$ 000	\$ 12,000.	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 12,000.
#103	Travel	\$ 28.	\$ 2,500.	\$ 90.	\$ 90.	\$ 2,410.
#105	Repairs & Maintenance	\$581,212.	\$ 100,000.	\$ 1,219. KLH Engineering 52. Pueblo Chieftain 10,352. Bassett 2,792. McLaughlin	\$40,988. (5,316)*	\$ 64,328.
#108	Contingencies	\$ 000.	\$ 7,500.	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 7,500.
#109	Emergency Flood Repairs	\$ 000.	\$ 20,000.	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 20,000.
		\$ 595,404.	\$ 158,260.	\$ 17,860.	\$40,939.	\$117,321.
#107	Change Order #2					
	Engineering \$10,000.	\$ 2,708.	\$ 7,292.	\$	\$	\$
	Construction \$70,000.	\$ 36,822.	\$ 33,178.	\$ 2,050.	\$78,666.32	\$ -0-
#106	Joint Venture Const.	\$324,954.	\$ 38,046.	\$ 38,046.	\$	\$
	\$363,000.	\$364,484.	\$ 78,516.	\$57,956.		

\$

* Sale of part of boat chute plans credited to #105

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DATE April 9, 1987

April 9, 1987

TOTAL EXPENDED THROUGH CURRENT MONTH \$ 40,939.

Vouchers # 17373 thru # 17385

Amount to be transferred \$ 56,890.

To checking XX

To savings

Deposits \$ --

Tel Transfer Savings Bal. \$ 139,648

Checking Account Bal. \$ 153.

Total CD's \$ 1,350,000.

Checking acct. Bal 3/31 = \$ 152.

Tel Tfr. Bal. @ 3/31 = \$ 196,538.

Matured CD's \$

\$

\$

\$

Interest earned CD's

\$

Interest earned Other

\$

1,587.

Other earnings

\$

\$

\$ 198,277.

~~CD's Purchased~~ Acct, #106 Joint V, \$ 38,046.

Acct, 107 Change Order \$ 2,050.

Current Month \$ 18,382.

Cash Balance @ 4/9/87 = \$ 139,801.

INTEREST EARNED

TOTAL

January - 760.45

February - 1587.23

March -

April -

May -

June -

July -

Total \$2,347.68

August \$

September

October

November

December

\$

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FED I D #94-6002506
Bid Tabulation: 2:00 PM 4/29/87
Purchase Date: 4/30/87

	Interest Rate % till 4/29/88 (365 days)	Interest Rate % till 10/30/87 (183 days)	Type	Effective Annual Yield
American Federal	6.200	6.150	Qrtrly Qrtrly	\$12,880. \$ 6,307.
Colorado Natl Bank-Pueblo	6.500	6.150	Simple Simple	\$13,000. \$ 6,170.
Columbia Savings	6.800	6.700	Monthly Monthly	\$13,964. \$ 6,887.***
Empire Savings	7.200	6.850.	Simple Simple	\$14,400.*** \$ 6,870.
Otero Savings	6.850	6.650	Simple Simple	\$13,700. \$ 6,668.
Pueblo Blvd. Bank	6.500	-	Simple -	\$13,000. -
United Bank of Pueblo	6.450	-	Simple -	\$12,900. -
World Savings	6.250	6.000	Simple Simple	\$12,500. \$ 6,016.

APPARENT BEST BIDS:

\$200,000 - Empire Savings for 365 days
then-- \$200,000 - Columbia Savings for 183 days

Total to invest at this date is \$400,000:
To get limit of \$200,000 invested to mature each month only October and April of next year are available. Then to limit the amount invested in each institution at \$300,000, means going to best bid for one year with \$200,000 and then to best bid for 6 months for another \$200,000.



STATE OF COLORADO

Roy Romer, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MINED LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION

DAVID C. SHELTON, Director



April 16, 1987

Mr. Joseph Blais
Fountain Sand and Gravel
P. O. Box 535
Pueblo, Colorado 81002

Re: Fountain Sand and Gravel's "Runyon Lake Pit", File No. M-81-194
Pueblo County

Dear Mr. Blais:

Your letter requesting clarification of the Runyon Lake Permit status and Pueblo Conservancy District's responsibilities was received on April 10, 1987.

Upon transfer of the property for the Pueblo Conservancy District, Permit No. M-81-194 will be terminated, releasing Fountain Sand and Gravel from all reclamation responsibilities; the original performance and financial warranties will be returned to Fountain Sand and Gravel.

The Pueblo Conservancy District has stated that the property transferred will be smooth graded and revegetated according to their recreational use plan. The Division will not monitor these final reclamation efforts, as it is Pueblo Conservancy District's responsibility. No additional permitting or bonding would be required.

The following recommendations are offered to facilitate successful revegetation:

- 1). Choose a seeding date just prior to the season which receives the greatest amount of precipitation (rain or snow);
- 2). Choose native plant species which are adapted to the climate;
- 3). Plant seed into a friable seedbed;
- 4). Plant seeds from .5 to .75 inches deep;
- 5). Fertilize the soil (soil testing would determine actual plant establishment and growth requirements);
- 6). Mulching may be desirable for seedling establishment, as it protects the soil surface from erosion, as well as conserves soil moisture.

Mr. Joseph Blais

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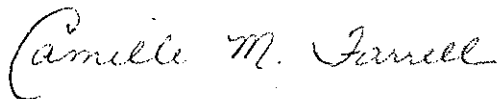
April 16, 1987

The seed mixture approved in the original permit follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Pound Pure Live Seed (PLS)/Acre Drilled</u>	<u>Pound PLS/Acre Broadcast</u>
Russian Wildrye	2	4
Alkali sacaton	1	2
Western wheatgrass	3	6
Pubescent wheatgrass	2	4
Sand dropseed	1	2
Yellow sweetclover	1	2

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Camille M. Farrell
Reclamation Specialist

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cc: The Pueblo Conservancy District

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March 24, 1987

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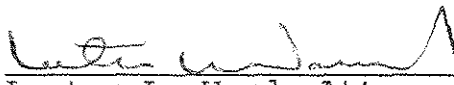
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Mined Land Reclamation Board
423 Centennial Building
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203

The Pueblo Conservancy District is currently planning to acquire title by donation to land now owned by the Fountain Sand and Gravel Co., lying immediately north of the north bank of the Arkansas River in the area of "Fountain Lake". Part of the land to be acquired is the subject of Mining Permit No. M81-194 and in the proposed agreement of acquisition, FS&G is to cease mining and to conclude reclamation work before title is transferred.

As the new owners, this District will accept the land in its present condition, understanding that there are variations to the original reclamation plan, specifically, that some or certain areas on the property have slopes steeper than three to one as of March 23, 1987. The District will accept title on condition that it has no liability to proceed with the former reclamation plan or incur any financial responsibility in connection with same or any subsequent plan. We intend to work with these variations during the eventual development of park facilities by the City of Pueblo.

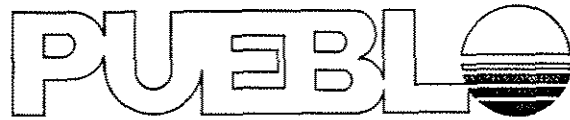
For the Directors of
THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



Lester L. Ward, Attorney for the District



Raymond F. Koester,
Engineer/Administrator of the District



City of Pueblo

March 18, 1987

Mined Land Reclamation Board
423 Centennial Building
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Board Members:

The City of Pueblo is very interested in the plans of CF&I Steel to donate Fountain Lake into public ownership. We have talked to their agents about their reclamation plans and find them acceptable from our point of view. Though Runyon Lake and Fountain Lake will be owned by the Pueblo Conservancy District, we plan on eventual development of more extensive park facilities in that area. We currently have a bicycle trail under construction near both lakes.

We have applied for grants funds through several state and federal programs to improve parking, access, and bank stabilization at Runyon Lake in 1987 and 1988. We will pursue additional funding for Fountain Lake in the future if it is transferred to public ownership to permit use of it as a fishing resource.

Our Parks and Recreation Department is involved with a task force including Pueblo County Planning, Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Greenway and Nature Center, Trout Unlimited and Pueblo Conservancy District to master plan the recreational corridors on the Arkansas and Fountain Rivers and the Runyon/Fountain Lakes area at the juncture of the two rivers. We look forward to being able to enhance the safe use of these lakes by the public for the future.

Your consideration of our interests in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Lewis A. Quigley, City Manager
CITY OF PUEBLO

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A. Patrick Sweeney
The Fountain Sand & Gravel Co.
P. O. Box 535
Pueblo, Colorado 81002

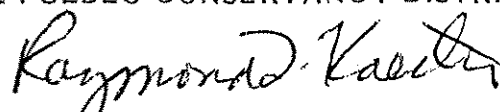
The Pueblo Conservancy District is now in progress with the determination of legal descriptions of three parcels of land in the Runyon/Fountain Lake Areas in Pueblo. This would be the land now titled to Fountain Sand & Gravel Co., lying immediately north of the north bank of the Arkansas River as it now runs, and west of the C & S Railroad, and east of Santa Fe Avenue.

Fountain Sand & Gravel Co. will gift deed the lands identified in the three legals, to the Pueblo Conservancy District who presently has title to the majority of the land now known as Runyon Lake, and located in the flood plain of the Arkansas River. No further mining or mining related disturbances are planned as part of the existing mining permit. Plans are being finalized for a joint effort of the City of Pueblo Parks Department, The Greenway and Nature Center, and the Colorado Department of Wildlife, to improve and operate the Fountain Lake Area as a recreational facility, much the same way the Pueblo Conservancy District has leased the use rights to Runyon Lake Area to the Colorado Department of Wildlife, in the past.

The legal description of the land in a Mining and Reclamation Permit (copy attached, along with a sketch of location) is the area of reclamation to be completed by Fountain Sand & Gravel Co.; the City of Pueblo upon completion of the agreed work by Fountain Sand & Gravel, will accomplish the remaining reclamation. The City's assumption of the reclamation responsibilities are limited solely to disturbed land revegetation or other reclamation activities of only the lands above water table elevation; neither the Pueblo Conservancy District or the City assumes any liability for evaporative loss of any man-made lakes or depressions below water table.

THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

By:


Raymond F. Koester,
Engineer/Administrator

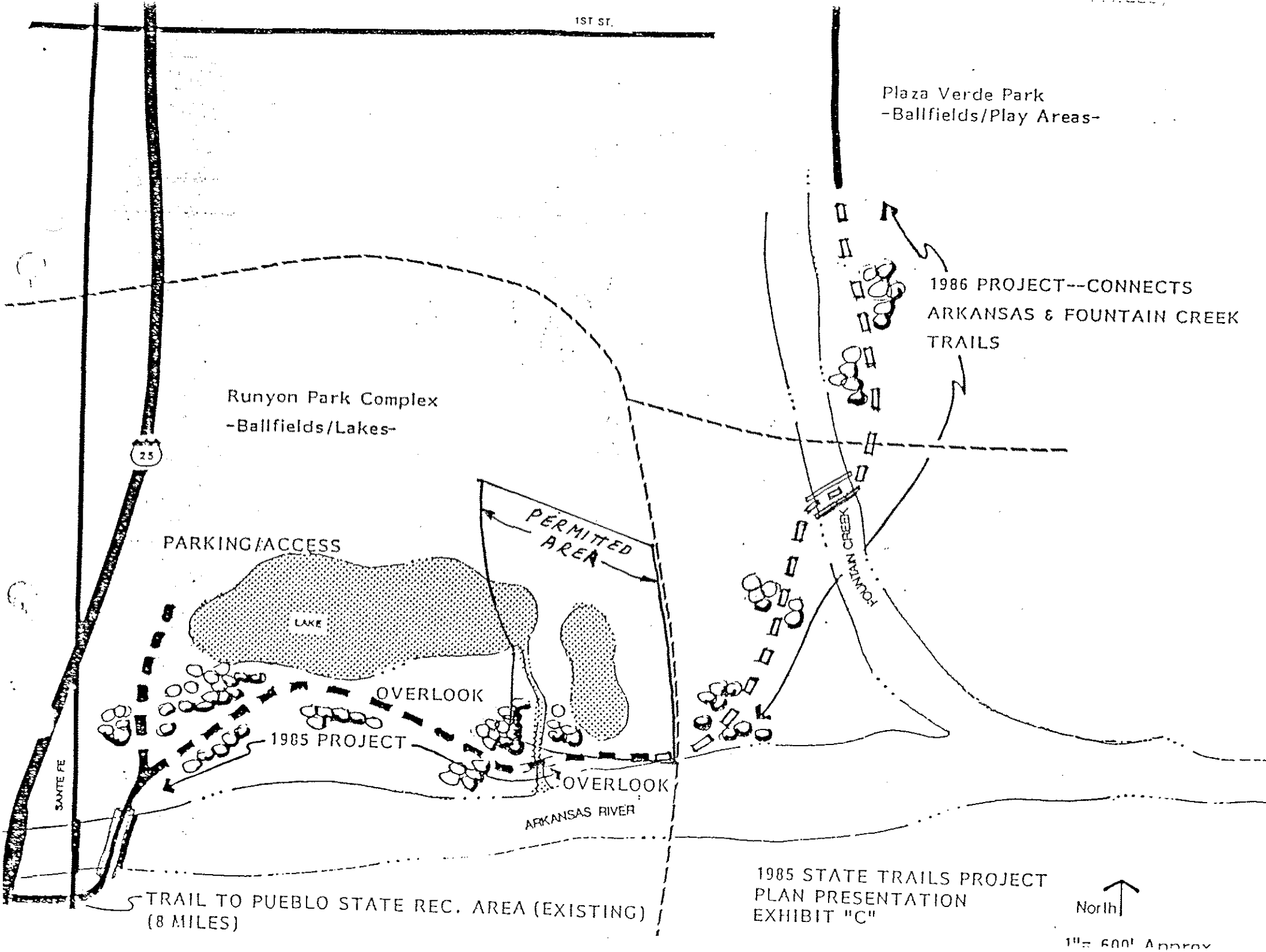
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land in the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4; and the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4; and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. more particularly described as:

Commencing at the N 1/4 corner for Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., thence South $28^{\circ} 45' 00''$ West 567.00' thence South $29^{\circ} 17' 15''$ East 550.00' to the Point of Beginning, thence North $84^{\circ} 31' 43''$ East 974.54' to the west right of way for the Colorado and Southern Railroad, thence South $28^{\circ} 12' 25''$ East along the said west right of way to the North bank of the Arkansas River, thence westerly along the North bank of the Arkansas River 875' $\pm$ to a point, thence North $22^{\circ} 43'$ West 742' $\pm$ to a point, thence northwesterly 389.00' along the curve to the right with Delta = $25^{\circ} 55'$, radius = 860' to the end of the curve, thence North $29^{\circ} 17' 15''$ West 450.00' to the Point of Beginning.



John M. Bramble
Co-Executive Director

Jack D. Craddock
Co-Executive Director

James E. Spaccamonti
Director/Manager



- Council of Pueblo
- City of Pueblo
- Pueblo Board of Water Works
- School District No. 60
- School District No. 70

PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

c/o Pueblo County
Department of Planning and Development
10th and Main Streets
Pueblo, Colorado 81003-2947
(303) 543-3550, Ext. 3003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ad Hoc Committee

FROM: James E. Spaccamonti/Steve Meier

DATE: April 24, 1987

SUBJECT: Recreational Corridor Study

Recreational Elements Along the Arkansas River Corridor

In developing the inventory study we begin to see how the many different recreation activities begin to create and identify a corridor, for both passive and active recreational elements. As this recreational corridor develops into a series of activities, it will then allow the public to experience the natural amenities that the Arkansas River provides to us.

The study was focused on a portion of the Fountain Creek and the Arkansas River extending from the east end of Pueblo Reservoir, through the city, and into the County - ending at 36th lane. The following is a list of the recreational developments that have been individually approved or developed by the different agencies in Pueblo County.

Pueblo Reservoir

Pueblo Reservoir is in the process of completing their master plan development. Their major emphasis is concentrated on the last phase - the South Side Marina Area. This involves improving existing elements and developing new ones, such as:

- Existing Marina
 - Fisherman Access Points
 - Picnic Areas
 - Camp sites
 - Horse, Pedestrian, and Bike Trails
 - Roads
-

The remainder of the master plan development has been or is near completion. The south side marina area has been delayed, until 1988, due to a funding shortage.

Fish Hatchery:

The fish hatchery is a two phase project and will be one of the most technologically advanced fish hatcherys in the state. Phase I is near completion and involves a hatchery building, maintenance building, and two residences. Phase II is about to begin and will include raceways and 32 large rearing ponds that will produce catchable size warm and cold water fish for release in streams and lakes.

Rock Canyon:

Rock Canyon consists of two primary recreational areas. The first is a large swimming area with a bath house, concession area, playgrounds, picnic sites, beach area, and parking. The second is a fishing pond with a handicap accessible dock and physical fitness stations around the perimeter. Rock canyon also has a number of picnic areas, as well as trails for bikes, pedestrians, and horses.

Outdoor Theater:

The outdoor theater project would include the construction of a large amphitheater with shelter, changing rooms backstage, restrooms, parking, and trails. This plan is still in the conceptual stage with funds to be raised, plays to be written, and plans to be developed. The success of this development will attract a number of tourists as well as provide jobs, educational entertainment, and recreation.

Nature Center:

The Nature Center is a unique area that allows the public to experience the natural amenities that the Arkansas River provides for us. The Nature Center, Raptor building, and the surrounding landscape provide the people with numerous educational and recreational services.

Plans for this area consist of improving existing elements and expanding east to where the Raptor building. The expansion is intended to provide additional parking, pedestrian and bike trails, picnic sites, playgrounds, bridge, R.V. camping site, maintenance building, intern housing, landscaping, and a large arboretum.

The arboretum is to be located further east and will utilize vegetation and the existing landforms for interpretive and educational purposes. Plans are for construction of a parking lot, specific landscape area with different themes of vegetation (e.g., desert, sub-alpine, wetland, etc.) overlook plaza and an interpretive center.

Boat Chutes:

To provide a boatable Arkansas River to the public three dams would need to be converted into a boat chute. The first is located below City Park owned by the Board of Water Works. The second is located just past the 4th Street Bridge, and the third is at the new bridge conservancy district, state highway department, and City of Pueblo that was installed recently in corporation with the Boettcher Foundation south of Runyon Lake.

Runyon Lake and Ball Fields:

At the present there are three ball fields and a lake that are within this complex. Plans are to develop the area into a park that will provide easier access, a more aesthetically pleasing landscape, bank stabilization, a fishing dock for the handicapped, and connect the bike trail with the Fountain Creek trail. A Fishing is Fun Grant was submitted on April 17, 1987 for aid in funding this project.

Fountain Creek Flood Control Project - Recreational Areas:

This project includes two recreation areas a levy on both sides and extending the existing bike trail south to Runyon Field. Recreation Area No. 1 is located along the east side of Fountain Creek and will provide picnic tables/shelters, trails, and landscaping. Area No. 2 is located on the west side and consists of parking, picnic sites/shelters, an amphitheater, restrooms, trails, and landscaping.

Trout Unlimited:

The primary goal of this organization is to develop the Arkansas River from the dam to the 4th Street bridge into a fishery. This would involve regulating the release of water from the reservoir, provide cover for the fish (e.g., boulders, wing dams, and vegetation), and provide access on the south side from the highway.

Design Projects

The following is a list of project that the County Department of Planning and Development is in the process of designing or constructing.

- o Analysis of recent aerial photography of Arkansas River east of the City to 36th Lane.
- o Runyon Lake - Master Plan Development
- o Extending the Nature Trail and Bike Path along the Arkansas River - Conceptual Master Plans-this involves talking with the mining operations that are located along the river and working with them on their reclamation plans.
- o Identifying County Owned Property - Located in the City and Mesa areas for potential park and recreational sites.
- o McHarg Park - Completing Master Plan and installation of Phase I.
- o Rye Mountain Park - Master Plan Development and installation of restroom facilities.
- o Liberty Point Park - Master Plan Development
- o Begin facilities planning for parks that are jointly maintained by District 70 schools and Pueblo County.

Those are:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| - Beulah | - Vineland |
| - Avondale | - Pleasant View |
| - Boone | - Baxter |
| - North Mesa | - South Mesa |
- o Approval of multi-County Arkansas River Cooperative Recreational Plan Agreement orchestrated by Bureau of Land Management.

Recreational Elements Along the Arkansas River
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Recommendations:

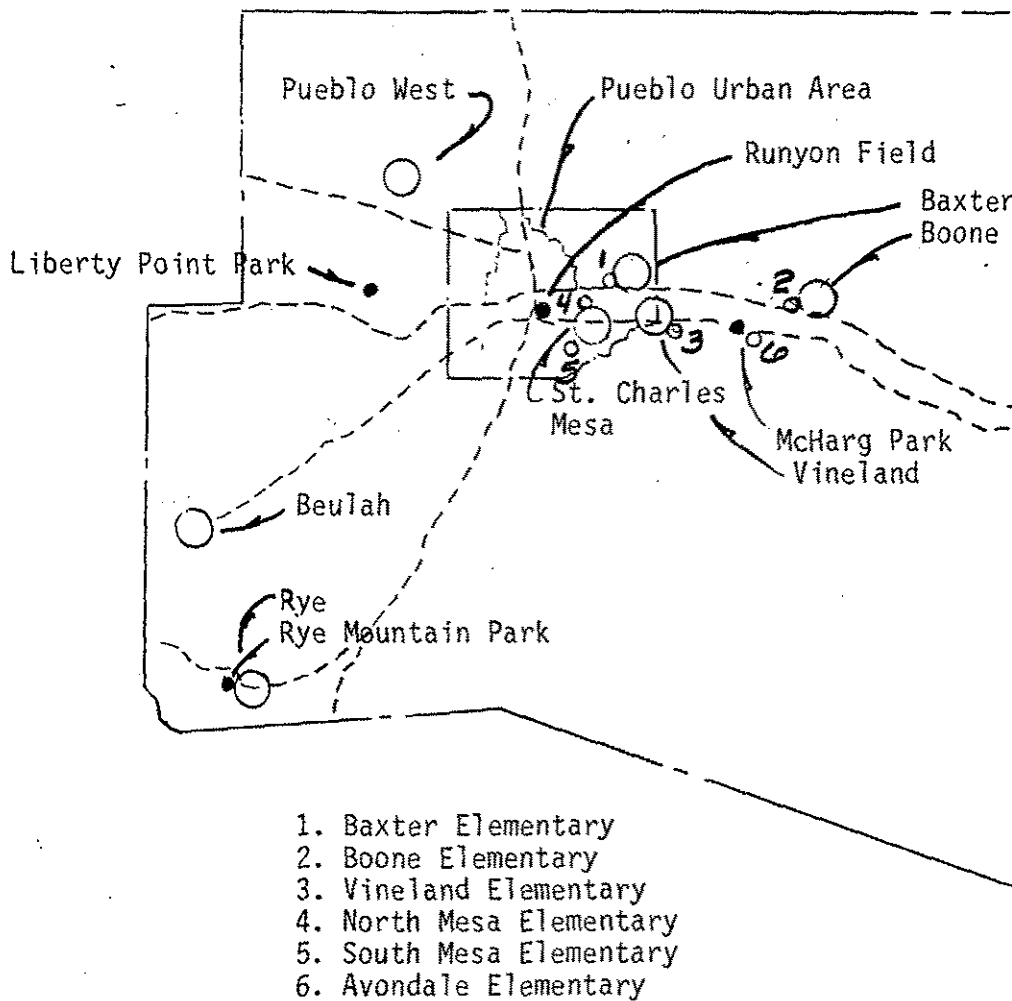
To develop and protect the recreational corridor from further incompatible development the following recommendations are presented:

- 1) Adopt the existing and proposed recreational elements as a Special Area Plan of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 2) Recommend an Ad Hoc Committee membership to advise PACOG on recreational planning elements and activities.
- 3) Select or prioritize projects and/or planning elements to be completed in this and future budget years.
- 4) Develop a strategy to guide future recreational improvements and preserve existing open space areas.

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Pueblo County

Park Sites & "School Park" Facilities



o - School District & County Owned

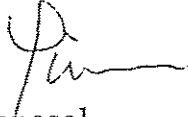
• - County Owned



April 6, 1987

To: Runyon Lake Planning Group

From: Tim Merriman



Re: Fishing is Fun proposal

Enclosed is the final draft of the proposal to be submitted by the City of Pueblo to the Division of Wildlife's Fishing is Fun evaluation committee. Thanks are due for the many comments sent to me for inclusion. The budget has been reworked to reflect the most recent comments of Ann Fothergill regarding amounts to be given.

Bob Gilliland at City Parks will be preparing the appropriate cover letter and related materials for submission of the proposal. If you see any errors in this draft please call either of us so that we may correct them. Thanks for your assistance in getting this process completed.

April 15, 1987

1. Contact person

City of Pueblo
City Manager: Lewis Quigley
City Hall
Pueblo, CO 81003

2. Decision-Making-Body

The City of Pueblo's Parks and Recreation Department under Director Tony Langoni and Parks Superintendent Bob Gilliland will be primary administrators of this project but the following other individuals and organizations participate in a planning team for Runyon Lake and the Arkansas and Fountain Rivers Recreational Corridors.

Pueblo County Planning Department - Jim Spaccamonti and Steve Meier
Pueblo Conservancy District - Gus Sandstrom, Pat Kelly and Kathy Farley
Greenway and Nature Center of Pueblo, Tim Merriman
Trout Unlimited - Chuck Barton
Pueblo Bass Club
Pueblo West Sportsman's Club

Colorado Division of Wildlife - Ron Velarde, Jim Melby and Ron Dobson
The Colorado Division of Wildlife provides the needed expertise related to the resources and management. They have had a management contract for Runyon Lake since 1969 and have just renewed it for five more years. Though Runyon Lake is owned by Pueblo Conservancy District it is part of a larger Runyon Lake Park managed by the Pueblo Parks and Recreation Dept.

3. Project Objectives

- * To improve the public access to Runyon Lake and to protect shoreline and intake resources by formalizing the parking for 100 vehicles with parking blocks, gravel surfacing and appropriate traffic flow signing.
- * To provide a fishing docksite of approximately 600 square feet in size for disabled persons, senior citizens and children near the parking area. This will provide about 5,000 additional fishing recreation days for these populations each year.
- * To construct erosion control devices on the Lake's inlet where the main vehicular access road is collapsing into the inlet stream and threatens to limit access to Runyon Lake.
- * To perform bank stabilization work (i.e. cut and fill, rip-rap and revegetation) on steep embankments of the Lake to create better shoreline fish habitat and to increase safe fisherman access points on the Lake to serve more users.
- * To build a wing dam with shoreline rip-rap on the Arkansas River 50 yards south of Runyon Lake to stop shoreline erosion by the river and to create a river fishing access area.

4. Project Location

Runyon Lake, Pueblo County
Owned by: Pueblo Conservancy District
Managed by: Pueblo Parks and Recreation Dept. and Colorado Division of Wildlife

5. Total Project Cost: \$62,200- Federal Funding Requested - \$30,000

6. Project Work Plan

Task	Work by	Complete by
Formalize Parking		
Grade parking area	City Parks & Rec.	February 1988
Place gravel	Contractor	April 1988
Install parking blocks & signs	Contractor	April 1988
Build & Install Dock & Ramp	Contractor	April 1988
Construct Erosion Control		
Devices at Inlet Road	Contractor	June 1988
Grade Steep Embankments	City Parks & Rec.	April 1988
Place RipRap or Revegetate	Contractor	July 1988

7. Selection Criteria

Runyon Lake is a former gravel borrow pit with 20 surface acres of water and both cold and warm water fishing resources. Current use for fishing is estimated by the Division of Wildlife at 100,000 fisherman hours per year and 25,000 fisherman trips. D.O.W. currently stocks with rainbow trout, walleye, channel catfish and largemouth bass. The lake also has populations of black bullhead, carp, western white sucker, gizzard shad, green sunfish, bluegill, white crappie and longnosed sucker.

Until February 1987 Runyon Lake was accessible only from Santa Fe Avenue, being bounded by the Arkansas and Fountain Rivers in two directions. The construction of a 140 foot bicycle bridge over the Arkansas River by the Greenway and Nature Center of Pueblo with funding by the Boettcher Foundation has made Runyon Lake accessible by pedestrian and bicycle traffic from neighborhoods to the south and west. The current trails system feeding into Runyon Lake extends more than six miles through Pueblo westward and another ten miles into the county and Pueblo State Recreation Area. This opens Runyon Lake to new use from adjacent neighborhoods to the south and west in 1987.

Also extending out into the county eastward, plans are to develop and continue the parks and trails system which will create a corridor of open space along the Arkansas river. This then makes Runyon Lake a very important hub area for several different communities, neighborhoods and recreational activities. The location of Runyon Lake so near the center of the city along with good access to the county makes it a high priority area for future development in a variety of ways.

In 1987 an additional half-mile of bicycle trail is being built by Pueblo Parks and Recreation from the Boettcher Bridge to the Runyon outlet stream and across it on a smaller bridge. Within two years this trail will be extended to a bridge eastward over the Fountain River to connect to an additional five miles of bicycle trails through lower and middle income neighborhoods in Belmont and University Park. This will make Runyon Lake a recreational destination for tens of thousands of people each year. The Nature Center of Pueblo located on the Arkansas Trails six miles west of Runyon Lake already records more than 200,000 attendance annually at that trailhead. The same potential exists at Runyon over the next few years. The Greenway and Nature Center also plans eventual nature center services at Runyon as attendance justifies the activities.

A planning task force including City and County officials, the Division of Wildlife, Pueblo Conservancy District, the Greenway and Nature Center, Trout Unlimited and other interested parties is already meeting to plan the future recreational resources of the two river corridors with Runyon Lake as a major destination park and access point. The County Planning Department has budget \$19,000 in 1987 to provide the technical assistance needed in this planning process.

The improvements in this "Fishing is Fun" project in 1987 will be a continuation of efforts to improve fishing access and resource improvements that have gone on since 1969. The eventual plans for the area are more extensive and costly than this project but will build from this base. It is projected that Runyon may have more than 150,000 fisherman hours by the end of 1988 with the recommended improvements representing an increase of 50%. The project plans will also protect the resources better with this increased pressure and make them more accessible by disabled persons, senior citizens and children with adults.

D.O.W. plans stocking in 1987 of more than 70,000 fish of sizes varying from walleye fry to catchable rainbow trout (3.0/lb) and channel catfish. They have also budgeted for fish habitat improvements within the lake. Improving access through parking formalization and a handicapped accessible dock is a primary step in this project. The inlet improvements, shoreline stabilization and river shoreline protection insure that the resources will not be damaged by increased pressure. Many of the existing embankments are far steeper than the 3 to 1 grade and safer fishing access will result from this project. The banks to be improved would include more than 700 feet of shoreline but the cost of doing the entire lake would be prohibitive at this time. Well vegetated and reasonably sloped portions of the bank would not be changed.

Just east of Runyon Lake is Fountain Lake, a smaller gravel borrow pit being given to the Pueblo Conservancy District by CF&I Steel. It already has fish populations but has not been accessible to the public due to liability problems for the steel plant. Upon conveyance of the deed to the Conservancy District it will be opened to public access for fishing and in future project activities it will be improved in habitat and access for additional fishing recreational resources. The new bike trail also crosses the Fountain Lake property between the Lake and the River.

The planning task force mentioned in this proposal meets on April 24 for the second time this year to continue discussions of future plans and refinements of existing plans. It is a committed group of agencies and organizations sharing resources to create a beautiful recreational network along two rivers with Runyon and Fountain Lakes at the juncture. The bike trails will connect in two years to tie the entire network together with more than 30 miles of quality trails with access by all parts of the community. Runyon Lake is especially important for the current predominant use of the area is by people from lower economic neighborhoods and senior citizens. It is anticipated that the use of Runyon Lake will continue to grow and serve more people as long as we properly protect and manage the resources. This project makes important improvements for the long term use of Runyon and Fountain Lakes as public fishing and recreation areas.

8. Budget Information

	Federal Funds	Local Funds	In-kind
Formalize Parking			
Grade parking area			\$ 2,400
Place gravel		\$10,000	
Install parking blocks & signs	\$ 5,000		
Build & Install Dock & Ramp	10,000		
Construct Erosion Control			
Devices at Inlet Road		10,000	
Grade Steep Embankments			
Place RipRap or Revegetate	15,000	5,000	4,800
Sub-totals	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,200

Funding Sources:

Fishing is Fun Grant -	\$30,000
Pueblo Conservancy District -	25,000 (cash commitment)
Earth moving work by	
Pueblo Parks & Recreation -	7,200 (in-kind contribution)
(20 days @ \$360/day - heavy equipment and operator)	

Total Project Cost: **\$ 62,200**