

CASTLE ROCK WATER

FIRST READING
OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4.04 - WATER
DEDICATION - OF THE CASTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE TO
MAKE CHANGES NEEDED TO ALIGN WITH THE
BUSINESS PRACTICES OF CASTLE ROCK WATER AND
TO MAKE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS

FEBRUARY 6, 2024



WATER DEDICATION ORDINANCE

OVERVIEW:

- 1) In addition to Town Council's authority, also allow the Director of Castle Rock Water, under special circumstances, to waive the requirement that groundwater be adjudicated prior to dedication;
- 2) Allow Town Council or the Director, under special circumstances, to waive the requirement of a title opinion for the dedication of water;
- 3) Remove development credit for not-nontributary groundwater so a dedicator does not need to adjudicate a plan for augmentation prior to dedication; and
- 4) Require dedication of any tributary water rights associated with a property.

WATER DEDICATION ORDINANCE

DISCUSSION:

- The definitions for groundwater rights and tributary rights were revised. And the definition of water rights was added.
- Credit for not-nontributary groundwater was removed.
- More flexibility was given with the Title Opinion requirement.



WATER DEDICATION ORDINANCE

DISCUSSION:

- Prior to dedication, adjudications and augmentation plans are no longer mandatory.
- Administrative revisions were made to clarify and correct some inaccuracies.
- All tributary water rights, associated with a property, must be conveyed to the Town.



WATER DEDICATION ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff
- Water Commission
- Questions?



Sellars Gulch in Downtown Castle Rock



RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve Ordinance #2024-004 on First Reading as introduced by title."

ALTERNATIVE MOTIONS:

"I move to approve Ordinance #2024-004 on First Reading, with the following conditions or changes: (list conditions or changes)."

"I move to continue this item to the Town Council meeting on ___ date to allow additional time to (list information needed)."



THANK YOU!