


PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP15-0189
Supporting Colorado Senate Bill 15-212
to Protect Public Regional Stormwater Management Activities**

WHEREAS, management of stormwater from urban areas is essential to preserve lives, protect public health and safety, avoid damage to downstream property and stream systems, as well as to comply with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, regional stormwater detention facilities are vital to the City and County of Denver's stormwater management and water quality improvement strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, in partnership with the City and County of Denver and other local governments, has proposed legislation to clarify that regional stormwater management facilities do not cause injury to water rights and should, therefore, not be subject to water rights administration; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, if adopted, would allow the City and County of Denver and other local governments to continue to utilize regional stormwater management approaches to protect the public and improve water quality without the time and expense to local communities of obtaining a water court decree.

**NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver formally supports Senate Bill 15-212, Concerning a Determination that Water Detention Facilities Designed to Mitigate the Adverse Effects of Storm Water Runoff Do Not Materially Injure Water Rights.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Governor John W. Hickenlooper, Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, President of the Colorado Senate Bill Cadman, and the Denver Delegation to the Colorado General Assembly.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 13, 2015

PRESIDENT