Ms. Ahuna,

Thank you for your e-mail. I will forward to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda as part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Carol Ahuna
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 11:01 AM
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org
Cc: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Waters' Permit - Please don't renew!

Dear County Commissioners:

In light of Chaffee County's growth, the implications of climate change/warmer weather and the environmental cost of single-use plastics, I urge you to REJECT Nestle Waters' request to renew their permit to extract water from our aquifer.

I recognize that as county commissioners you are tasked with the challenge of representing the best interests of an increasingly diverse community. Certainly, changes in population growth and density over the next ten years will make it increasingly difficult to manage 'fixed' assets such as underground water in a way that balances the needs of residents against the income needed to maintain city infrastructure. However, given the problems we have already experienced related to drought, rising summer temperatures and statewide wildfires, I believe it is prudent to conserve this extremely precious resource whenever possible. Clean air and water are integral to our quality of life here in Chaffee County, and part of the reason so many visitors (who may or may not drink bottled water!) visit us to recreate and spend money at local businesses.

Please vote against renewing Nestle Waters' water permit.

Sincerely,
Carol Ahuna
Chaffee County resident since 1994

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Please reschedule the Nestle Public Hearing on Renewal Application for April, (as NWNA previously asked for), not for January 21st.

Thank you,
Diane Alexander

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From: Jacqueline Allen [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 11:36 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Please Protect Chaffee County Water!

To Whom This May Concern:

I am a resident of Chaffee County and am writing to you today to urge you to protect the values of our community as well as the health and future of our valley by protecting Chaffee County water and denying Nestle's permit extension to bottle water from Ruby Springs.

On October 20, 2020, please vote no. I am unable to attend the public hearing and am voicing my concerns in this e-mail.

Thank you for your service,

Jacqueline Allen

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Ms. Baur,

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I do not support the harvesting of Chaffee County water for any reason but in this specific case, to be drained from Chaffee County aquifer to be bottled into plastic containers. The entire bottled water practice across the United States is appalling and I am saddened that Nestle has procured water from Chaffee County to enhance their profits. This is something in our own back door we can do something about! The money Nestle pays Chaffee County in no way makes up for drain on our natural resource: WATER!

Water is our most valuable resource - why would we agree to let others have it? At any cost? And for what LONG TERM benefit? In my mind, there is no good reason. Please vote against this! People can use refillable water bottles and “Life Straws” for better water quality where necessary.

Sandra Baur
Salida Resident

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To my County Commissioners,
As a second generation Chaffee County resident I have enjoyed the beauty and appreciated the many resources it has to offer. Lucky for me, my father chose a small piece of land in Nathrop on which to settle. Over the decades our county has changed much. Change is inevitable. And stayed the same in many aspects. Something I love! Something our family has paid special attention to is the water. Living on Chalk Creek allows us to watch the changes in the Creek’s flow. That is, of course, all about rain and the spring run-off. But it is for us a way to pay close attention to water in real time.
We also have many family and friends who want to visit during all seasons to enjoy the natural resources our lovely valley allows both residents and visitors. In nearly every situation, WATER plays a part! We want to share our water in a responsible way so that future generations can be a part of what we have today.

I am in no way against businesses making money. I respect both large and small business owners but make it a special point to buy local at all times and for all products because those local folks help keep Chaffee County strong!

I also know that Nestle will find another community from which to draw water and a decision to repeal the 1041 Permit will not hurt a company of its size.

The harm to our precious County that removing many millions of gallons of water could do is not in our best interest.

I propose we commit to selling Nestle-brand (Arrowhead) water in our local businesses as a compromise. That way we preserve our natural resource for all, AND keep a good faith relationship with Nestle.

Thank you for your service to our County!
Heidi Ann Begin
Ms. Bevan,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, for the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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Good day county commissioners,
I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the renewal of the Nestle Waters’ Permit giving a major company access to our counties water. With all the growth our county has been experiencing and will likely continue to see I feel it is irresponsible not to conserve our valuable resources for the people of this community for generations to come. With the uncertain nature of our weather and constant risk of drought, I feel now, more than ever, there is a great deal of importance in retaining our water and viewing it as the invaluable resource it is. We do not want to find ourselves in the position where such a necessary resource is not being replenished fast enough to meet demand causing the citizens of the community to suffer. I also think there is value in our community taking a stance against the waste this permit produces in the form of single use plastic bottles as well as pollution and traffic from 25 trucks per day making the round trip drive from Denver. I sincerely hope you do the right thing and choose not to renew the Nestle Waters’ permit for the sake of this county and our community. Protect our aquifer from suffering the same fate as the San Luis valley’s in years to come.
Keep our counties water in our county!
Thank you for your time,
Laura Crum

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Nestle’s Rusty

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Debe Bohe [mailto:debohe@chaffecounty.org]
Date: September 5, 2020 at 7:34:16 AM CDT
To: rgranzea@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle water

Please correct the original mistake made in granting the Nestle water contract. It was wrong then and will only continue to be wrong. Nestle is a bad faith partner that has shown world wide the greed for the control over water. It is NOT right and Chaffee water NEEDS to stay here as much as possible. Thank you. Debora G. Bohe & Micheal L. Alexander

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Ms. Bohe and Mr. Alexander - Thank you for your email. While due process considerations preclude me from commenting on this topic now, I have included Jon Roorda and Christie Barton of our planning team so they can include it in our official records.

Thank you, and stay tuned for official announcements of the hearing schedule. We are planning on the first hearing being the evening of October 20th.

Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 5, 2020, at 06:39, Debe Boh...[redacted]

I am assuming you ARE fighting to stop Nestle. The original contract should never have been granted and Chaffee County NEEDS to realize the lack of good faith is the company's world wide method of operation. NO corporation needs to own water - and certainly not ours! Please work to "make them go away". Thank you. Debora G. Bohe & Micheal L. Alexander.

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Hi Francie,

Thank you for your email. Because due process considerations preclude me from commenting on this topic now, I have included Jon Roorda and Christie Barton of our planning team so they can include it our official records for future deliberations.

Thank you, and stay tuned for official announcements of the hearing schedule. We are planning on the first hearing being the evening of October 20th at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds and Events Center.

Please enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 6, 2020, at 07:50, Francie Bomer

Commissioners, please read the article from 2009 posted in the Salida Citizen (see link below). Quoting ecologist Delia Malone, “Accessible water is rare and for Chaffee County to just give it away is really short-sighted. You can’t get it back, and when you really need it, it will be too late.”

Her open letter explains why this never should have been approved to begin with. You have an opportunity to right this wrong by denying the Nestle Waters 1041 permit renewal on October 20, 2020.

http://saladacitizen.com/wp/?p=3839

Francie Bomer, Sent from my iPad

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Gentlemen,

I urge you to set the Public Hearing for the above noted issue in April, on the date first requested but NWNA, NOT on January 21st, as they are now requesting. There are many people in Chaffee County who are opposed to the renewal of this permit, and it would be best to give all of these folks time to study the issues, and to be engaged with you in making this decision. I am unable to attend your Regular Meeting On Tuesday, Jan 17th, but I urge you to set a Public Hearing in April.

With Regards,

Tom Bomer
225 D Street Salida, CO 81201

Sent from my iPhone

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Jon Roorda

From: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:49 AM
To: ‘Deborah Bowes’; rgrantzella@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org
Cc: ‘Jon Roorda’
Subject: RE: Nestle 1041 Permit renewal

Ms. Bowes,

Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

-----Original Message-----
From: Deborah Bowes [mailto: ]
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 8:21 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; rgrantzella@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle 1041 Permit renewal

Dear Sirs,

I attended the original permit hearing 10 years ago and despite overwhelming opposition from our community to remove water that sustains this area it was approved.
The idea that local government is going to be able to change their hold on this ever increasing valuable resource is a joke. They are a multimillion dollar corporation with limitless legal representation that has been very difficult to stop in other areas where they have obtained permits to withdraw water.
Please acknowledge the importance of keeping our excellent water sources in this valley. Clean, safe and readily accessible water is going to be increasingly difficult to have and protect.
Local business opportunities and jobs can be better served by keeping the water, a valuable resource, here and not being taken out and making an already rich corporation even wealthier. The money they are making to transfer, bottle water in Denver and then sell far outweighs any improvements they will claim to have provided to the community.

Thank you,
Deborah Bowes
Chaffee County resident
Mesa Antero Water Assoc. Board member

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From: michelle bridges [mailto:pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org]  
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 10:05 PM  
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org  
Subject: Nestle's permit renewal

Please deny the renewal of Nestle's permit for the sake of the Arkansas Valley.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
Get Outlook for Android

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March 13, 2020

Dear Chaffee County Commissioners:

Ten years ago the standing commissioners approved a 1041 permit for Nestle Waters Inc. to extract spring water from Ruby Mountain Springs and ship it for bottling. At the time there was serious opposition to this permit approval and Nestle was compelled to agreements to enhance their position. Their contributions to area schools was part of the agreement and they have contributed nothing to our community that was not in the agreement. Their commitment to local employment has not been met, and new issues have come to the forefront in the last ten years regarding use of plastics and climate change. In addition, the promise of a conservation land easement was not met. For these reasons I urge you to not renew this permit with the knowledge that language in the permit allows for review and not an automatic approval.

I also urge you be cognizant of the reputation that Nestle has for environmental abuses, as well as humanitarian mistreatments and unethical behavior. I cannot understand a willingness to work with this type of company, giving up some of the purest water that flows into the Arkansas River. This river supports our tourism and agriculture, and our community has worked hard to move it to a high level of water quality. Maintaining that quality is critical for our community.

In light of the Coronavirus impact to our county, I also urge you to find alternative ways for citizen participation because a large public gathering will make many residents, who would like to participate and view the public hearing, uncomfortable with attending.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and addressing this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Brown-Kovacic

Dr. Cheryl Brown-Kovacic
Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Sonia Buckley <mailto:sonia.buckley@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:46 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Against renewal of Nestle's water contract

Dear all,

I am writing to express my rejection for the renewal of Nestle's water contract. I am a resident of Buena Vista. The world needs to move away from single use plastic bottles. Water is a precious resource in Colorado. This is not a contract that should be rubber stamped. I hate seeing those big red trucks driving back and forth on the road day after day with something as useless as bottled water. None of the literature I have read has described any real benefit to Chaffee county for this contract - if there is such a large benefit I would at least appreciate it if the county could make a public statement about it so we can all make a more informed decision.

Nestle is a huge company with a massive legal team and holding them to any promises is extremely difficult. The news articles claim that Nestle has not kept all of its promises from its last contract, I would love to hear an official statement about whether or not this is true, but if it is, it is all the more reason not to renew their contract.

Best regards,
Sonia Buckley
18731 Trail W Dr, Buena Vista, CO 81211

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Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ron Burns Sr." [redacted]
Subject: Nettle Water Rustle
Date: September 13, 2020 at 08:38:35 MDT
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org, pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org, kbaker@chaffecounty.org,
rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Reply-To:

Please stop Nestle from using our precious water and PROTECT our aquifer. Please stop this self-destructive madness.
Sincerely,
Ronald Burns
Poncha Springs

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Please reply to: rburns36@gmail.com

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Dear Ms. Baldwin,

I strongly oppose renewing Nestle's contract to take water from Ruby Springs. We are growing fast, and need to conserve our water. Single use plastic is a scourge. Trucking water to Denver then out to retailers adds to greenhouse gasses. Nestle has not complied with the original agreement, with no conservation easement, and failing to hire the agreed upon number of locals. Rewarding an untrustworthy company for untrustworthy behavior is mismanaging our assets. Adding to global warming and the global plastic problem is unconscionable.

Water is so precious in our drought-prone area. The few benefits to Chaffee County do not outweigh the travesty of letting a multibillion company take the water we have.

Respectfully,
Mary Jane Cavallo

PS - a simple web search reveals all the trouble other communities have had with Nestle and their water.

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From: Robert Chambers [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:22 AM
To: pbadwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle's Bottled Water Operation

This is to let you know that I think we have allowed Nestle to take enough of our water resource. There is a limit to the water supply wherever it comes from. Besides the whole idea of one-use bottled water is harmful to our environment locally and globally.

Sincerely,
Patricia Chambers

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When I first heard that Nestle was permitted to draw water from the Arkansas River, I could not believe it. Why on Earth would a local government allow a foreign company to drain our major water supply year after year? Our local government, which is elected to protect its residents, would never do such a thing, right? Well, they did. And now is your moment to reverse this tragic decision.

From what I can see, Nestle has not benefited the local community and largely operates in the shadows, trying to conceal the resource, our resource, that they drain. This is Colorado's resource and we are allowing them to profit from the depletion of our most vital resource for life- our water.

The philanthropy and jobs promised to offset the depletion, never materialized. The promise of the conservation easement turned housing complex is ridiculous as well.

When we take a larger view, why are we supporting the proliferation of single-use water in plastic bottles? My wife and I are systematically eliminating single use EVERYTHING from our lives and it all started with the easiest of all - water bottles. Water is available everywhere without the need of resources to extract, bottle and transport. Why are we supporting this in our eco-minded community? Out of all places, we understand intimately what the impact of environmental pollution and global warming can do. We live with its treat constantly.

Let's not continue to support the greed of large companies with ZERO stake in the health of our community, state or country. Let them go find another more willing community to exploit.

Thank you for listening and thank you for making a responsible decision that will support a higher quality of life for all your voters.

Respectfully,

William J Coleman
Resident of Buena Vista
Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Louise Cordova <rcordova@chaffecounty.gov>
Subject: Please protect our resources.
Date: September 10, 2020 at 16:44:09 MDT
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org, geflt@chaffecounty.org, kbaker@chaffecounty.org, rgranzella@chaffecounty.org, pattybaldwin@chaffecounty.org

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Chaffee County. I have seen what Nestle and other corporations have done to the natural resources in many areas of the world with devastating effect on those places that allowed this draining of natural resources for corporate profits. They make many promises of jobs but in the end they suck the water dry and leave a much worse situation behind when they have destroyed the environment that is irreplaceable. We are so fortunate to live in our beautiful valley and our children will benefit from all of the other types of businesses that respect and use our natural resources responsibly. Please watch the documentary Blue Gold to see Nestles impact on our planet so far. Thank you Frank and Louise Cordova

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-----Original Message-----
From: DANIEL COURTRIGHT [mailto:DCOURTRIGHT@chaffeecounty.org]
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 6:52 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Permit

Administrator Baldwin,

Please take action to deny Nestle’s permit renewal.

Thanks for your time,

Dan Courtright

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From: Keith Baker <kbaker@chaffeecounty.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Jon Roorda, Christie Barton
Subject: Fwd: Nestle water

Keith Baker  
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)  
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado  
719.963.4164

Begin forwarded message:

From: Roger Cox  
Subject: Nestle water  
Date: September 11, 2020 at 22:21:21 MDT  
To: Kbaker@chaffeecounty.org

Please reject Nestles request to take Chaffee’s water.

Please keep this water in our basin! We need to discourage the wasteful destructive use of single use plastic bottles. Please Tell Nestle to leave.

Thank you.

Roger Cox

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The environmental dilemma being addressed is Nestle Waters taking aquifer water from the basin in Buena Vista, Colorado. Every day for the last 10 years, Nestle Waters fills twenty-five trucks with 8,000 gallons of water from an aquifer under the Arkansas River in Chaffee County. The company then trucks the water to a Nestle bottling plant in Denver where millions of Arrowhead Springs water bottles are filled. The water bottles are then shipped to grocery stores, convenience stores, and other businesses. At yearend, approximately 65,000,000 gallons of water are removed from the aquifer and 40,400,000 bottles of water are filled and transported across the country.

In order to take the water out of the aquifer, Nestle has to meet certain requirements from Chaffee County in order to obtain the permit and to offset the removal of the water, such as, donate money to Buena Vista schools, maintain wetlands in Chaffee county, and hire local drivers. The largest requirement that Nestle has to meet is to replace the water they take from the aquifer with water they take from Aurora, Colorado. Nestle has a separate trucking company that takes water from Aurora. They drive it to the Arkansas River upstream from the extraction point and simultaneously replace the water in the river while it is being extracted.
from the aquifer. The reason for this is because Nestle does not have water rights, so they have to purchase an augmentation rider that allows them to acquire the water as long as they replace it. Removing the water from Aurora has created a need to implement stricter water conservation policies to the Aurora community as to not to over deplete the Aurora water supply.

Nestle’s process of bottling water is an environmental disaster on many different levels. The environmental issues include emissions, as as the trucking emissions from shipping water up and down the mountains and across the nation are extremely harmful and significant in volume. Also, resource depletion, as Nestle is not replacing the water into the aquifer and therefore possibly depleting the aquifer. And fuel consumption, as the amount of fuel being used to ship the water is not a renewable energy resource. Lastly, waste, the amount of water bottles being produced for this one operation will fill landfills with waste that will not biodegrade for over a hundred years. Nestle’s impact on the environment in this scenario is far from ethical and is not sustainable.

Nestle Waters contract with Chaffee County ended in October 2019 and Chaffee Commissioners have allowed a six-month extension to allow time to consider signing another ten-year agreement with Nestle Waters, and the public hearing is set for April 21, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in Buena Vista (Stone, 2020). It seems absurd that Chaffee County Commissioners have the full say so in this situation, as the people of the Chaffee County and Aurora should have more weight in this decision. The decision effects the both communities, water quality issues in the Arkansas River (pesticides and fertilizers being shipped from Aurora to the river), and the future of the aquifer.

The renewal of the contract can negatively affect the people and the environment in Colorado. Water is becoming more and more scarce as the Denver population grows, and when annual snow falls are low it can create a water shortage dilemma. Also, taking the water can deplete the aquifer for future generations, and create a water crises in Aurora. If Colorado faces another detrimental drought in the next 10 years, the result of Nestle’s actions can be catastrophic.
The right thing to do would be for Nestle to examine their carbon footprint and decide if they are being ethical in their business structure. They should not renew this contract. The money they are spending to buy and ship water is extravagant. Instead of spending millions of dollars each year for shipping and buying water, Nestle could design and implement another way of making water clean and reusing the containers used to store water.

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Mr. Dean and Dr. Dean,

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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-----Original Message-----
From: CLAUDE DEAN [mailto:...]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Felt Greg; kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org; Patty Baldwin
Cc: Dr Dean Margaret Justice
Subject: Nestle Waters 1041 Permit Renewal Application

To our county commissioners and administrative assistant, Patty Baldwin — We are Claude & Margaret DEAN, year-round county residents at 8303 Rocky Mountain Drive off US-50, 5 miles west of Poncha Springs. Please register our view that Nestle Waters’ 1041 Permit Renewal Application should be denied in that the “loss of resources and losses of opportunity to develop those resources,” namely abundant natural spring water, outweighs the “benefits accruing to the County and its citizens” of the Nestle’s operation. We ask that you vote against the renewal of the Nestles spring water extraction permit. — Claude & Margaret DEAN

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Mr. Deutman,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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-----Original Message-----
From: George Deutman [mailto:********@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 8:25 PM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org; Kbaker@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle

Stop giving away our water to international billion dollar companies.

Sent from my iPad

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Ms. Ditchkus,

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Dear Chaffee County Commissioner,
If someone were to tell me Chaffee County was basically giving our water away during a drought, I would ask why?
The renewal of the water extraction agreement with Nestlé really baffles me because it does not make common sense in 'today's world.' What does that mean 'today's world?'
It means recognizing the West is in a prolonged drought, it means seeing the problem plastics are causing to our environment.
Climate change is becoming obvious even to the sceptical; hotter, drier, with more frequent forest fires. Wouldn't it be prudent to err on the side of conserving water?
We live in America where the water from our taps is drinkable, why would our leaders encourage the consumption of water in single use bottles?
If the answer is Chaffee County gives up it's water for an average of $30,000 in 'donations,' I would say a small rural county is being taken advantage of by an international corporation. Try drinking $30,000 when the water dries up! Try rafting on that.
At the very least, any agreement should be for a shorter period, say 5 years and the amount reduced, probably by half, which is about what they are currently taking anyway. And how about paying for the County's recycling program too? I would REALLY like to hear your thoughts on this arrangement and any possible justification to continue as proposed by Nestlé.
Sincerely, David Ditchkus
Salida, Colorado
Jon Roorda

From: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:52 AM
To: 'Lea Anne Dobbins'
Cc: 'Jon Roorda'
Subject: RE: Please Deny Nestle's permit extension to bottle water from Ruby Springs

Ms. Dobbins,

Thank you for your e-mail. I have copied our Planning Department on this e-mail. The Planning Department will be getting copies of all letter regarding Nestle to the Commissioners.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Lea Anne Dobbins [mailto:]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2020 1:42 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Please Deny Nestle's permit extension to bottle water from Ruby Springs

As full time residents of Salida for the last 4 years, and part-time residents since 2004, we have opposed allowing Nestle to take water from Ruby Springs. As full-time residents we are concerned about the availability of water in Colorado. Corporations should not be allowed to take water out of aquifers and truck it to the front range and bottle it up to sell. We need our water!

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Have Fun!

Lea Anne Dobbins

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Hi,

I wanted to voice my opposition to allowing the continued export of local water for Nestle bottling. Water is far more valuable than any compensation Nestle can—or will—provide. Please stop their 1041 Permit Renewal.

Signed, a 39 year resident of rural Colorado,

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david a. downing

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From: [mailto:rgranzella@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2020 8:29 AM
To: pbauldin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Fwd: Time to say no the Nestle

Nestle’s. Rusty
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pam Dubin
Date: September 4, 2020 at 3:21:14 PM CDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Time to say no the Nestle

Below is a link to valid reasons to deny the 1041 renewal permit for Nestle to continue their bottling operation here in Chaffee County.
With climate change heating up, and Colorado water drying up, it is time to think about the future and protect what we have.

Thank you,
Pam Dubin

https://unbottle-protect.org/permit-renewal-denied/

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Ms. Earl,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

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-----Original Message-----
From: DJ Earl [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:52 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Say No to Nestle

Please say No to Nestle and protect Chaffee County water.
Dora Jean Earl
Salida, CO 81201

Sent from my iPad

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From: Work [mailto:rgranzella@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 4:46 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Fwd:

Nestle

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Hilde Ehlers
Date: September 12, 2020 at 8:24:30 AM MDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org

Please do not renew!

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Ms. Elliott,
Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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-----Original Message-----
From: Shelly Elliott [mailto:gfelt@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 3:05 PM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle

I am glad this was brought to my attention. I had no idea our water is going to a corporation that uses the water to package in single use plastic bottles. This is a waste of one of our most precious assets that we are privileged to have in our area. Plus their use of the water is vastly contributing to one of our most worrisome environmental problems - plastic!

I request the commissioners consider this contract renewal carefully. Water should be used in an environmentally friendly way, not add so much plastic to the environment daily.

Shelly Elliott
47 Trailside Circle
Salida CO

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RUSTY—JANE & I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NESTLE DEAL TERMINATED—THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE—

Jim

Jane Elmore

Chaffee County
Nestle Waters’
gallons of water

www.collegiatepeaksbank.com

NE UN-BOTTLE
Up to 25 trucks aquifer water to and sold in sing...
Please submit my email below from March 14, 2020 as a part of the official record prior to the Nestle hearing. My understanding was that the prior emails/letters sent before the hearing was rescheduled would automatically be a part of the record. I'm guessing that is true for other constituents. Should I also resend to the Commissioners and Patty?

Thanks,
Linda

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From: Linda Erickson  
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 4:47 PM  
To: Greg Felt; Keith Baker; rgranella@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org  
Subject: Please Deny the Nestle Water Permit

Dear County Commissioners,

I urge you to **not** renew the Nestle Water permit in our county. I don't think it is in the best interest of our county. Water is a precious commodity. Having lived in Chaffee County since this was first approved, I believe that a lot has changed that requires our attention. We need to look seriously at climate change, plastic pollution issues and water scarcity, as well as loss of water in our aquifer.

Nestle, a Swiss company, has a global reputation of humanitarian and environmental abuses including child labor, unethical promotion, manipulating uneducated mothers, pollution, price fixing, and mislabeling. Why are we expected to trust them to self-monitor and self-report? I sat at the prior approval meetings and heard them say that they would employ locals and that their trucks would be pulling over on Trout Creek Pass when there were more than two passenger cars following them. I haven't witnessed that on my many trips to Denver since then.

As a former educator, I think the $250 K that they have given to schools in the last ten years, is a drop in the bucket compared to their profits and the future education and water needs of our county. Is that what we want to model for our current school students? In fact many of our current students are encouraging the community to not use plastic.

What has happened to Nestle's promise of a conservation land easement?

Do the benefits outweigh the loss? Are the tax benefits measurable? What benefits are we really receiving? How does this permit fit the vision of our community? How does this fit into the plan and priorities of Envision Chaffee County?

Please do not renew the permit.

Thank you,
Linda Erickson
6005 Archery Circle
Salida, CO 81201

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Jon Roorda

From: Keith Baker <kbaker@chaffeecounty.org>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Jon Roorda
Subject: Fwd: Nestle contract

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marjorie Fahrney
Subject: Nestle contract
Date: September 27, 2020 at 15:21:24 MDT
To: Kbaker@chaffeecounty.org

Do not renew. Be responsible to Chaffee County not Nestle. Contract was sloppy.
Marjorie Fahrney

Sent from my iPhone

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Ms. Farren,

Thank you for your e-mail. I will forward to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda as part of the public record. Mr. Roorda will be sure the Commissioners receive a copy.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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-----Original Message-----
From: Carol [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 5:09 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle' Permit

It is not in the best interest of our county to renew this permit. Let's put the environment before money.

Carol Farren
Nathrop, CO

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Mr. Fay,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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From: Mike Fay [mail]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 11:00 AM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org; Keith Baker; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: opposing the renewal of Nestle Waters permit

We are adamantly against the extension of the Nestle Waters permit to draw water from Ruby Springs. This is a desert climate, where the aquifer is precious. Filling landfills with billions of plastic bottles that never degrade is poor management of our land and resources. We ask you not to renew the permit.

Mike and Samar Fay
residents of Chaffee County

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Ms. Fortune,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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From: Ann Fortune [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 1:26 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; k baker@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgran zella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Waters permit

I feel that the commissioners should renew Nestle Waters' permit to Purchase and Haul Chaffee County Water.

In a time of searching for funds for our government, Nestle's has been, as far as I know, a reliable source. I trust, also, that the research that has been done shows that the amount of water does not impact the other uses of water and is, in fact, a renewable resource. The additional traffic (up to 25 vehicles per day) is on a well-travelled state highway. It is not a major impediment to traffic flow.

Sincerely, Ann Fortune
Citizen of Chaffee County

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From: John Geyer
Subject: Nestle's Bottled Water Operation
Date: September 11, 2020, 14:31:41 MDT
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org, gfelt@chaffecounty.org, kbaker@chaffecounty.org, rgranzelee@chaffecounty.org
Cc: Mickey Geyer (mickeygeyer@gmail.com), John Geyer

Good Afternoon,

My wife Michelle L. Geyer, and I as residents of Chaffee County feel that the Nestle's Bottled Water Operation IS a Beneficial use. We voted on this once and now out of towners (The Story of Stuff Project from California) and a small but noisy group of new locals want to change it.

We feel Nestle's Bottled Water Project IS a Beneficial use and their permit SHOULD be renewed.

Hopefully they will use recycled paper in their next mailing.

John & Mickey Geyer

John S. Geyer
Tourmaline Exploration Company, LLC
11805 Highland Circle
Salida, CO 81201

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From: Elisabeth Gick [mailto:...]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:02 PM
To: granzella@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org; kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; gfelt@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle, plastic bottles, our water, our environment, our future in beautiful Colorado

Dear Chaffee County Commissioners and administrator,

although I live and vote in San Miguel county I am distraught to learn about the situation with Nestle, a firm of rather bad reputation, taking vast amounts of pure water from Chaffee county to bottle and sell all over the country. With their contract coming up for renewal you have the power to do the right thing:

Please do not allow an international giant to profit from a most valuable resource in your county (and our state)? A resource that will become more and more precious as the climate crisis accelerates. Please refuse to be accomplices in the proliferation of plastic waste at a time when our oceans are suffocating from plastic waste?

In what way would a renewed contract with Nestle promote health, safety and welfare in Chaffee County - your overriding and honorable task?

I believe in leaving resources where they are for the benefit of the people in the area and in nurturing the health of the environment for everyone's benefit. Filling pure water into plastic bottles and shipping them all over the country to sell them benefits very few.

You have the opportunity to right a wrong; deny Nestle the permit extension when this decision comes before you.

With respect,
Elisabeth Gick

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be vocal, be visible, push back  
350colorado.org - because there is no planet B
Mr. Goad,

Thank you for your e-mail. I will forward to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda as part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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From: Wayne Goad
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:59 PM
To: pbaudin@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle water taking

Hello-

You're probably receiving quite a few of these since Un-Bottle etc. mailed out the flyer. I had not heard of the issue arising anew, but so glad I did.

My wife and I and her parents, too,(=4 voters) are adjacently opposed to a renewal of the Nestle deal. We have been residents of BV and the County for over 15 years and were dismayed when the original approval was given,

I can't vote, of course for all four of us but I can assure you we all do vote and we've agreed to reward or punish our Chaffee representatives on how they vote on this issue. We don't like being "one issue" voters BUT this matter is so important to the long-term viability of our local economy and environment, that we know it's worth it to reach the proper end.

We're your neighbors and Switzerland is a long way off. (can't help but wonder how many cantons in that country would give their local corporation such a sweet deal on precious mountain water).

Thanks for reading and considering - see you at the meeting if it's determined that an in-person one is safe enough.

Wayne Goad

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Mr. Goostree,

Thank you for your comments. I have copied Jon Roorda, Planning Director, on this e-mail. He will give the Commissioners all comments that are received.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

Don’t you think we have enough plastic bottles in our country!
Don’t you think we have enough traffic on 285!
Is money more important than water for our county! It won’t last forever!
Protect our county resources. Nestle could care less about our county, our citizens and our future!
Say No!
Thank you for your considerations
Ron Goostree Salida

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Mr. Graham,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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From: John Graham [mailto:__@___.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 4:56 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Cc: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; rgranella@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Permit Renewal

Nestlé Hurts Chaffee’s Reputation

Chaffee County benefits greatly to the extent that its citizens perceive the County as an environmentally conscious community. An environmentally conscious reputation is also important when it comes to attracting outside businesses and prospective newcomers.

A County that grants permission to a foreign business to pump native water from a local aquifer and truck it 100 miles away to be bottled in disposable plastic bottles is a County that is signaling clearly that it is not interested in being an environmental steward. Such water activity is clearly not environmentally sound and such permission diminishes Chaffee’s status as an environmentally concerned community.

So I ask the Commissioners to consider their citizen’s desires to live in an environmentally recognized and concerned community, as reflected by the practices
permitted to the environment by the County. Let’s help grow Chaffee County’s Reputation in a positive way by saying “no” to Nestlé.

John Graham
9555 CR 175
Salida, CO 81201

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Jon Roorda

From: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 7:42 AM
To: 'Casey Halstead'; gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org;
Kbaker@chaffeecounty.org
Cc: 'Jon Roorda'
Subject: RE: Say to to nestle

Mr. Halstead,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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From: Casey Halstead [mailto:Casey Halstead@chaffeecounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:25 PM
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org; Kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Say to to nestle

Say yes to the community.

Nestle already cheated us once. Why give them another chance?

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Letter of concern to Chaffee County Commissioners:

I was not a resident of Chaffee County when Nestle was allowed to take our water 10 years ago. I was shocked that it had been allowed to happen. I speculated that the commissioners at the time had been bribed and paid off by Nestle for the privilege of stealing our precious water resources.

I am greatly concerned that this will happen again.

In today’s world there is no resource more precious than clean water. There is so little clean water on the planet now. Already much of the water in our county and other counties has gone to the front range to water their lawns and golf courses while we have fields lying in waste, brown - with no vegetation. I am a firm believer that water should go with the land it is attached to but of course this is another discussion for another day.

The bottom line of course is money. Follow the money. Who benefits? If you know who benefits and who has the money you will likely know where the trail of corruption leads. Nestle will benefit, we will not, not at any price.

Please folks, this time let us keep our water and not sell out to the corporate interests. If this issue were put to a vote, I can guarantee you that Nestle would no longer be stealing our water.

As our elected representatives please do the right thing and keep our precious water, do not sell out to the corporate interests who could care less about us. All they care about is their bottom line.

My bottom line is that I will not vote for anyone who supports these corporate interests at any price.

There was a line in an old movie where Robert Redford was playing poker with a married couple and suggested that perhaps he could sleep with the wife for some amount of money. Their response was something along the lines of haggling over the price rather than refusing based on moral principles.

Comments were exchanged - Did Redford think the wife was a whore? Redford said that had already been established. Now they were just haggling over the price.
Please do not follow this line of logic. Please take the high road and don’t sell out based on money. Would you sell our water for a million dollars? Would you sell our water for a billion dollars? It is the same thing either way. It is still an amoral sell out based on money. I plead with you not to do it.

Best regards,

Carolyn Hess

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From: Trent Hickman  
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2020 9:11 PM  
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org  
Subject: Nestle

Please vote no to the depletion of Chaffee County's Aquifer and the willful compliance of the production of single use plastic.  
Thanks for your time  
Trent Hickman  
Salida

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Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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Dear County Commissioners and Administrative Assistant,

I am writing this to speak against the commissioners renewing Nestle's 1041 permit to remove water from our aquifer. 65 million gallons a year is too much water! That is roughly equivalent to the average annual usage of 600-650 households.

With our county growing rapidly, removing any amount of water from our aquifers is irresponsible, let alone 65 million gallons/year! No amount of income derived can justify it. Our aquifers are continually stressed by usage and population growth, as well as the extended drought of the last 20 years. There is not much that can be done to curb population growth or alleviate drought, but there is something that can be done immediately to help preserve our aquifers: DO NOT RENEW Nestle's permit to remove water from our aquifer.

I am an unaffiliated voter, and my vote is based on how elected officials conduct business and the decisions they make. This is a REALLY BIG ISSUE for me, and your decision will have a significant impact on my vote.

I will be out of town when the public hearings are conducted, but if I were present I would stand up and make myself heard!

Reverend Dr. Joseph Holub
18403 Sierra Vista Drive
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

PO Box 1097
Buena Vista, Colorado
Begin forwarded message:

From: Susan Jesuroga
Subject: Against renewing Nestle's contract
Date: September 12, 2020 at 06:22:03 MDT
To: Kbaker@chaffecounty.org

I am against renewing the Nestle contract in Chaffee County. It will save a source of water that will be much needed over the coming years as the effects of climate change impact rainfall patterns and the ability to recharge aquifers in Chaffee County.

In addition, during the past ten years, Nestle has used Chaffee County water, it has created billions of plastic bottles of water and sold them throughout the region. The level of waste that this many empty and discarded bottles represents is frightening, when there are so few recycling outlets for plastics after China stopped accepting US recyclables. Plastic bottles now just add mountains of trash to landfills across the country.

My husband and I temporarily left the area last year, and will be returning in the coming year after helping family members with health problems. We hope to see sustained efforts to protect the water resources in the area. One needs to look no farther than the Colorado River this year (see https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/partner-content-colorado-river-preserving-stressed-water-resources/), to see what lies ahead for Chaffee County and the battle for water in the West. Not renewing Nestle's contract is a simple step to take now to prepare for a much drier future.

Susan Jesuroga

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Begin forwarded message:

From: LESLIE JORGENSEN <[redacted]>
Date: September 5, 2020 at 6:51:42 AM CDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: No to Nestle

Dear Commissioner Granzella

As a resident of Coffee County, I’m asking you to deny the Nestle permit renewal.

Nestle has not demonstrated a benefit to our residents and their bottled water adds to a huge problem with plastic pollution. The West can not afford so much water to be drained for commercial benefit when our population is growing and our lands are dry. Please vote No to Nestle.

Thank you
Leslie Jorgensen

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From: demiankay <demiankay@protonmail.com>
Subject: Nestle debacle
Date: September 16, 2020 at 17:20:51 MDT
To: "pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org" <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>, "rgranzeella@chaffee.org" <rgranzella@chaffee.org>, "gfelt@chaffeecounty.org" <gfelt@chaffeecounty.org>
Reply-To: demiankay <demiankay@protonmail.com>

My opinion: This always was a sleazy deal, passed with little support or agreement of county residents. An outfit like Nestle has no business DOING business in our county, getting our pristine water for a song. If we have the opportunity to get rid of their presence and influence in our area, we should jump on it. DK. Salida, Colorado

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Ms. Kerrigan,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, for the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

-----Original Message-----
From: Danielle Kerrigan [mailto:*
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:16 AM
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Say no to Nestle

For the future of our area and our planet (single use plastic water bottles) I urge you to say no to allowing Nestle to operate in our area. They are a soulless company with only profits to concern them. Please say no.

Thank you

D E Kerrigan-Hodges

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From: sue keyes
Subject: Nestle's Bottled Water Operation
Date: September 27, 2020 at 13:02:58 MDT

Dear Commissioner,

I'd like to add my voice in asking that you NOT renew Nestle Waters' permit!!

Removing & depleting our aquifer for the purpose of bottling water to sell in single-use plastic bottles is harmful to our county & our earth in so many ways! The climate change of warmer temperatures & lower precipitation levels often leading to fires is just one example.

Please listen to your constituents and not just think about the money Nestle gives to Chaffee County! It isn't worth it!

Thank You!
Sue Keyes
Salida, Co. 81201

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Ms. Knight,

Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Claudia Knight [mailto:cknight@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:24 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranze@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Unbottle and protect Chaffee County water!

Hi.
I am writing to ask you to please vote against renewing Nestle's permit to pump our water. I'm sure you are aware that the entire Southwest is suffering from a major drought and it is expected to get worse before it gets better. In my opinion, selling our water is foolish. We should be hanging onto it rather than letting someone haul it away, or we may run out of water someday.

Thank you,
Claudia Knight
534 C St
Salida

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Mr. Knight,

Thank you for your e-mail. I have forwarded your e-mail to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, and he will add your comments to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Daniel Thomas Knight [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:29 PM
To: kbaker@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Concerned local citizen - please don't sell our water during a drought!

I was born in Salida and am studying Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Arizona. I very strongly believe that our water is one of our greatest resources and the last thing we should be doing is selling it to corporations with questionable morals (Nestle). Especially with climate change and the ongoing drought (that could very likely get much worse) we need to hold onto and defend our water for the good of future generations and wildlife.

Thank you for your time.

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Hi. I am writing to ask you to please vote against renewing Nestle's permit to pump our water. I'm sure you are aware that the entire Southwest is suffering from a major drought and it is expected to get worse before it gets better. In my opinion, selling our water is foolish. We should be hanging onto it rather than letting someone haul it away. Whatever short term gains we realize from it won't be worth it if we run out of water someday.

Thank you,
Eric Knight
534 C St
Salida

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Ms. Krasnow,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

Hello commissioners

I am writing to let you know that as a Chaffee County citizen of almost 15 years I am against renewing Nestle Co. water permit. I feel it is the best interest for the county to protect its water resources from big businesses like Nestle. 65 million gallons is the number I heard and I feel they will survive just fine as a business without this permit. I personally think that single use plastic water bottles are a big waste environmentally as well and the less we have in landfills or wherever they land, the better.

Thanks for your time,
Kristen Krasnow

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From: Kenneth Krehn [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:39 AM
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; rganzella@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle's Bottled Water Operation Permit

Commissioners,

I am against the renewal this permit. It is not in-line with a 1041 permit.

In addition, Nestle bottling leads to more toxic plastic bottles in our already toxic environment. We are all in this together. We are either part of the solution or part of the problem, which are we??? How do we explain to our Children and Grandchildren that we traded $$$ for our environment...

Thank you all for your service to our beautiful County!

Blessings,
Ken Krehn

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Mr. Giff

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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719.539.2218

From: Giff Kriebel [mailto: ***(redacted)***]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:32 PM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzea@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; Pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Permit Renewal

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request that you do not renew the Nestle Permit. I have many reasons for this request but will concentrate on two.

The first is the depletion of our aquifer. The ongoing drought and the rapid growth of the population in the West has put tremendous pressure on all the aquifers that supply water to our region. The aquifers are not being recharged as fast as they are being depleted. Since the majority of the water accessed by Nestle is not locally consumed, the water harvested by Nestle is adding to this problem. I understand that Nestle is required to replace the water that it uses. However, this water is also taken from a western aquifer that is under threat. This is nothing more than robbing Peter to pay Paul. Actually, depending on what is done with this water it may be adding to the problem.

My second objection is more global in nature. With certain exceptions such as natural disasters, bottled water is an unnecessary product that does serious environmental damage. Plastic is becoming more and more difficult to recycle. As a result, more and more of it is ending up in landfills, or worse, finding its way into bodies of water causing them to be seriously degraded. Chaffee County prides itself on being environmentally friendly. We even passed an increase in our sales tax to help to improve our environment. No matter how economically beneficial Nestle may be to the county, it is inappropriate to cause environmental damage to the rest of the planet.

Thank you for your consideration

Giff Kriebel
618 G St
Salida
Hi Sally,

Thank you for your email. Because due process considerations preclude me from commenting on this topic now, I have included Jon Roorda and Christie Barton of our planning team so they can include it our official records for future deliberations.

Thank you, and stay tuned for official announcements of the hearing schedule. We are planning on the first hearing being the evening of October 20th at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds and Events Center.

Please enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

Best regards,
Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

> On Sep 5, 2020, at 19:50, Sally Kriebel
>
> Dear Gentlemen,
> I am aware that the Nestle bottling renewal is coming up this fall, and I am writing you to please deny this. Looking at the facts provided by “Nestleave”, Nestle has not kept its part of the contract and our county has gotten next to nothing in return for their profit on our water, water that is becoming more and more a precious commodity with the continuing drought.
> We don’t need them, we don’t want them. They are a very poor bargain and not team players.
> Thank you.
> Sincerely,
> Sally S. Kriebel
> 618 G Street
> Salida
>
> Sent from my iPad
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To my Chaffee County Commissioners:

As a Chaffee County Resident I am opposed to the NESTLE 1041 Permit Renewal and urge you to deny the request for the good of our special and much loved community and the things it stands for.

Respectfully,
Carolyn Kuchinsky
Salida, CO
Mr. Landin,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Brett Landin
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 8:32 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzea@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Water

Dear Chaffee County Commissioners - Please DO NOT renew Nestle Water's permit to use our aquifer for bottled water. I understand that it is important to raise money for the county, but selling our precious resources that we need HERE in the valley is not the right way to do it. Plus, supporting single-use plastic bottling is not the right message to send to our children and our community.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Brett Landin
Salida

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For the record...

From: Ellen Larson
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 7:40 AM
To: gfelt@chaffee county.org
Subject: Nestle

Please take a stand against Nestle.
Let people know that we are not bought and sold.
Let’s protect what we have. Once it’s gone, it’s forever.
Let me know if there is anything I can do to help
Thanks,
Been here for over twenty years - care deeply for this valley.
E. Larson

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Nestle. Rusty

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Gregg Leachman
Date: September 5, 2020 at 12:31:49 PM CDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle 1041

I say no to nestle.

Gregg
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This is from Nancy Leachman from CR 190W.

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

Please vote NO ON NESTLE 1041
Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Maddock
Subject: Nestle Water
Date: September 15, 2020 at 16:34:13 MDT
To: "pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org" <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>, "gfelt@chaffeecounty.org" <gfelt@chaffeecounty.org>, "kbaker@chaffeecounty.org" <kbaker@chaffeecounty.org>, "rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org" <rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org>

Please do not renew the permit for Nestle to deplete our precious water. Living on a ranch where water is always an issue, it doesn’t make sense to let others profit and contribute to the pollution of the environment on many different levels.

Thank you

Steve Maddock

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Ms. Maera,

Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant  
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO  81201  
719.539.2218

Hello,

I am writing to ask that you, the County Commissioners, put a great deal of thought into renewing Nestle's 1041 permit. Please be transparent and demonstrate clearly and concisely how removing our water benefits the citizens of Chaffee County. Although there may be a clause in the permit that requires augmentation water to the Arkansas River, not everything should be about the river. Sending "replacement" water down the river is not replacing water to the aquifer. Please provide proof that water to the actual aquifer itself is being replenished by Nestle. If the permit is renewed, over the next 10 years another 640,000,000 gallons of water would be removed from the aquifer. We live in a high-desert ecosystem, we are in the middle of a sustained drought which will presumably get worse over the next ten years - please provide proof that this permit is a good thing for our groundwater and therefore a benefit to our citizens that outweighs the loss of this resource.

How does sustained, daily, heavy truck traffic on county and state roads benefit our citizens? How does packaging water in single-use plastic water bottles benefit the citizens of our county? Or our state for that matter?

Setting up a fund for the community may benefit some citizens, but it does not benefit long-term sustainability of groundwater. Having Nestle give money to the community is simply a cost of doing business, not a noble act on their part, and does nothing for the loss of groundwater.

Please explain to the citizens how we benefit by Nestle's actions. Not just a few truck drivers or a couple nonprofit groups, but all Chaffee County citizens. Don't just list things like weed control, monitoring, habitat reclamation, revegetation, and re-establishment of wetlands. Those things are mitigation to disturbance caused by Nestle operations, they are not benefits. The benefit would be to not cause the disturbance in the first place.
Thank you for your time,

Debra Mafera
410 Cottonwood Circle
Salida

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Hi Emily,

Thank you for your email. Because due process considerations preclude me from commenting on this topic now, I have included Jon Roorda and Christie Barton of our planning team so they can include it in our official records for future deliberations.

Thank you, and stay tuned for official announcements of the hearing schedule. The first hearing will begin at 5:00p the evening of October 20th at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds and Events Center with a daytime session on Thursday the 22nd. We are nailing down details and will make public announcements soon.

Stay warm!

Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 8, 2020, at 13:53, Emily Marquis wrote:

Hi Chaffee County Commissioners,

Hope you had a nice labor day!

I am writing as a citizen of the Chaffee County to strongly request that we deny the permit of any kind to allow Nestle to pump water, ship it to Denver and bottle it under Arrowhead. This seems like a no brainer to me and the community. I understand that Nestle may offer compensation in various ways to the community, but this does not outweigh the obvious reasons to deny this permit. I believe that in the bigger picture it will take the economy away from our community. We need all the water locally we can get. We already send most of our water away. Many businesses and agriculture need the water to survive. Our land needs the water. Our people need the water. Finally, plastic bottles are a huge source of overall environmental pollution globally. My children need a future in the environment we love so dearly. Chaffee County should not support plastic bottles. Period.

This pains me. Please leave big corporations who have very little interest in local communities like ours outside of their direct need and agenda out of Chaffee County. Chaffee County values their people and the environment. That’s why we live here. Let’s not support their overall agenda locally or globally.
Thanks for taking the time to read and consider my plea.

Thanks!
Emily Marquis

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From: Susan Beilharz [mailto:pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:59 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Cc: gjelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle

Dear commissioners,

My husband Tim Masterson and I are opposed to renewing Nestlé Waters permit. In general, we do everything we can to avoid the use of single use plastics. Furthermore, we don’t believe that our county needs the revenue from Nestlé to sustain our economy. For these reasons, we strongly suggest not renewing Nestlé Waters permit.

Susan and Tim Masterson

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Hi Sally,

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Stay warm!

Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 9, 2020, at 09:20, Sally Mather

Dear Commissioner Mr. Baker,

It is my understanding that Nestle is requesting a 10-year 1041 permit renewal to draw water from Ruby Springs, and truck it to Denver to be bottled, in plastic, under their Arrowhead brand.

I believe that permit should be denied for the following reasons:

1. With climate change heating up, and Colorado water drying up, it is time to deny Nestle’s permit to pull water out of the Arkansas River and bottle it in plastic and sell across the country.
2. Nestle Waters North America should not be allowed to operate on land of state-wide interest.
3. Mandatory philanthropy does not outweigh our loss.
4. Proliferation of plastic pollution.
5. Non-compliance on hiring locals.
7. Lack of evidence of sustainability.
9. Need cannot be substantiated.
Sincerely,

Sally Mather
Chaffee County Resident

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Mr. McCabe,

I have also forward this e-mail to Mr. Roorda.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

----Original Message----
From: Rod McCabe [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 10:21 AM
To: kbaker@chaffeecounty.org
Cc: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: DANGEROUS TRUCK TRAFFIC

I have read that Hwy 285 is the most dangerous highway in Colorado. The gravel trucks are hard enough to deal with however they are providing a service. Trucking our water to Denver is adding to this danger and is unnecessary. These trucks also pollute the air and waste fuel.

Rodney McCabe
Buena Vista, Colo

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Mr. McCabe,

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From: McCabe Rod [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 10:10 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle's bottled water Operation

To the Chaffee County Commissioners,

I just wanted you to know that my husband and I are not in favor of Nestle taking our water from our valley. Ten years is a long time to be draining water from this valley that is growing very fast. With global warming and less snow and rain fall in the coming years we just don’t know how much water will be available for the residents who live here. We are in a 20 year drought as it is now. Truck traffic on 285 has become very dangerous and these trucks have added to the already heavy traffic.

Please DO NOT renew Nestle’s Water permit.

Thank you,

Jan and Rod McCabe
P. O. Box 5294
Buena Vista, CO 81211

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From: Jim McGannon
Subject: (Disarmed) Fwd: Nestlé asks for more time in Chaffee County as locals ask to be "unbottled"
Date: September 15, 2020 at 17:38:47 MDT
To: Greg Felt <gfelt@chaffecounty.org>, kbaker@chaffecounty.org, rgranzella@chaffecounty.org

No to Nestlé. Time for them to leave the valley!
Jim McGannon

--------- Forwarded message --------
From: Fresh Water News <newsroom@wateredco.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 9, 2020 at 2:28 PM
Subject: Nestlé asks for more time in Chaffee County as locals ask to be "unbottled"
To: Jim McGannon <forestermegannon@gmail.com>

Water news from Colorado and the West
September 9, 2020

Dear Jim,

This week Fresh Water News reports on an effort in Chaffee County to force Nestlé to abandon its bottled water operation there, but the international beverage maker says it's playing by the rules and intends to stay.

We're also tracking the sale of agricultural Colorado River water to a Phoenix suburb; an effort in Pitkin County to restore an ancient wetland; and the discovery of COVID-19 in dorm wastewater at University of Colorado, Boulder.

Nestlé is asking Chaffee County to extend its permit to bottle spring water, but local opposition is growing

As the county prepares for an Oct. 20 hearing, locals say it's time to "unbottle" Chaffee County

Read more Fresh Water News here

TOP STORIES FROM COLORADO AND THE WEST
Top Arizona water officials sign off on Colorado River water sale
The deal will dry up farmland and provide more water to a Phoenix suburb

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Pitkin County restoring ancient wetland in Aspen
Innovative effort plugging holes to keep water in bogs dried up by historical irrigation ditches on the Roaring Fork River

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COVID-19 shows up in wastewater of University of Colorado dorms
Students asked to get tested as concern over an outbreak mounts

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Mr. McCowan,

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2288

-----Original Message-----
From: John McGowan [mailto:*
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:52 AM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzea@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Do Not Renew Nestle's Water Permit

As a property owner and tax payer of Chaffee County, I strongly oppose renewing the 1041 Permit allowing Nestle to extract up to 65 million gallons of water per year from the Ruby Mountain Springs. Our region is suffering from an extended drought and we are seeing the devastating effects in reduced stream flow and increased fire activity. We need to protect our water supply for local use, not sell it to a corporation that is bottling it and distributing it elsewhere for profit. Also, the local jobs Nestle said its presence would create have not materialized in any significant way. The charitable gifts from Nestle to local schools makes up a tiny fraction of those schools’ budgets.

Other state and municipal communities are finally waking up to Nestle's harmful practices and empty promises. Hood River County Oregon passed a ballot measure in 2016 to ban commercial water bottling after Nestle tried to build a plant to extract 100 million gallons annually. Osceola Township in Michigan is fighting Nestle's plan to double their groundwater extraction after nearby trout streams turned to mud flats and the city aquifer dropped 14 feet. Bills have also been introduced in the states of Washington and Maine to ban bottling companies from extracting groundwater.

In this country most people have access to safe tap water that is subject to much more stringent regulations than bottled water. Then there is the enormous impact of plastic waste. Over 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away every day in the US, most of which end up in our landfills, incinerators, and waterways.

We can not continue to support such a harmful environmental practice that does not add any benefit to our community. We urge you to vote No to renew Nestle's 1041 permit.

Sincerely,

John McGowan
13100 Coyote Valley Road
Salida
Hello,

I am a resident and home owner of Buena Vista/Chaffee County. I live at 102 Grouse Road. I am urging you to deny Nestle's 1041 permit. I do not want Chaffee County to be participants in the proliferation of plastic waste. Furthermore the water should remain local.

Thank you,
Lisa McMaster

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Please see Mr. Mendelson’s question in his email and respond accordingly. Ce me so I can reply to future requests for that information.

Thank you!

Keith Baker  
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)  
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado  
719.963.4164

Begin forwarded message:

From: douglas mendelson  
Subject: Against the re-issuing of a water permit for Nestle  
Date: September 16, 2020 at 16:28:40 MDT  
To: "gfelt@chaffeecounty.org" <gfelt@chaffeecounty.org>, "rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org" <rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org>, "kbaker@chaffeecounty.org" <kbaker@chaffeecounty.org>, "pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org" <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>  
Reply-To: douglas mendelson <ncbhfc69@yahoo.com>

I am against the re-issue of a permit at this point for a variety of reasons. I am wondering if there is a website with Nestle’s side of the argument and where I can find the terms of the permit?

Doug Mendelson  
Salida, Co.  

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From: Work [mailto:rgranzella@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:10 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Fwd: Please do not renew nestle

Nestle

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Noah Miller
Date: September 15, 2020 at 7:52:50 PM MDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Please do not renew nestle

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Ms. Monagle,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, for the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Leslie Monagle [mailto:leslie@leslie.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:30 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Cc: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@countychaffee.org
Subject: “Nestleave !”

Dear Ms. Baldwin and Chaffee County Commissioners,

I do not believe that Nestle Waters’ permit to remove water from a local aquifer should be renewed, ever. The only beneficiaries are the landowner who grants permission to Nestle to pump the water, the small number of people who work on site and Nestle. Water is not just another commodity; it is vital to everyone living in the Arkansas Valley and downstream. The negative impacts are clear: Depletion of the aquifer, the negative environmental impact from both the carbon emissions from 25 truck trips/day (one-way) and the production and disposal of plastic bottles. Also, are not home rain barrels illegal within the City of Denver? They recognize that the water belongs to everyone. I hope you will all defend and protect Arkansas Valley’s water by denying Nestle Water’s permit.

Respectfully,

Leslie Monagle
Salida Resident
Jon Roorda

From: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:46 AM
To: 'monica moore'; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org;
Kbaker@chaffecounty.org
Cc: 'Jon Roorda'
Subject: RE: Deny the 1041 permit renewal to Nestle

Ms. Moore,

Thank you for your e-mail. I have forwarded your e-mail to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, and he will add your comments to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: monica moore [mailto: monica.moore@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:10 AM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org; Kbaker@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Deny the 1041 permit renewal to Nestle

Help us keep that water in Chaffee County - for the health of our valley, and its future!

On October 20, 2020, the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners, at a public hearing, will vote to approve, or deny, Nestle's permit extension to bottle water from Ruby Springs. I am asking you to deny the 1041 permit renewal to Nestle. Thank you for serving your community.

Monica Moore

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Sherry Nicks [mailto:snicks@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:59 PM
To: kbaker@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; Greg Felt; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Waters' Permit

Dear {Sirs/Madame},
I would like for you to consider the result of the Hill Ranch water leaving the county, the recent droughts and wildfires, and the growth of Chaffee County, before you allow more water to leave the area.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Sherry Nicks

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From: Jon Roorda <jroorda@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:58 AM
To: 'Christie Barton'
Subject: FW: Nestle permit

For the Nestle file
Thanks,

Jon Roorda, PLS
Chaffee County
Planning Manager

From: Patty Baldwin [mailto:pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 10:36 AM
To: 'DOROTHY NORBIE'; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Cc: 'Jon Roorda'
Subject: RE: Nestle permit

Thank you for your comments. They will be added to the public file and sent to the County Planner, Jon Roorda.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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From: DOROTHY NORBIE [mailto:"
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 10:12 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle permit

I am writing to ask you to deny the renewal of Nestle Waters' permit to continue extracting water from Chaffee County.

My concerns include:

Plastic pollution created by Nestle Waters and worldwide issues with plastic.
Nestle's failure to provide local jobs (a big reason they were granted the permit initially).
Colorado's future is in our natural beauty and tourism - not in the export of our water.
The ethics conflicts created by a Chaffee County planning commission person serving as a consultant to Nestle.

Do not continue the sale of Chaffee County to corporate interests!

Thank you,
Dorothy Norbie
136 1/2 E. 2nd St.
Salida, CO
Mr. Nowotarski,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Joe Nowotarski [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 6:36 PM
To: pbaulina@chafecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle Bottled Water proposed increase in operations

We are citizens of Salida, CO. We are not in favor of the proposed increase in operations for the Nestle company's activities in the Arkansas River Valley. The water in the Arkansas River is the lifeblood for millions of people. We are not opposed to sharing the river, but increasing commercial output for a private corporation is not a good idea. Single-use plastics will also have an increase in production due to this issue. This is also something that we are strongly opposed to, though we understand the importance a bottle of water can make. Election season is upon you.

Thank you,

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Joe & Alicia Nowotarski

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Hi Dibby,

Thank you for your email. Because due process considerations preclude me from commenting on this topic now, I have included Jon Roorda and Christie Barton of our planning team so they can include it in our official records for future deliberations.

Thank you, and stay tuned for official announcements of the hearing schedule. We are planning the first hearing being the evening of October 20th at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds and Events Center.

Please enjoy your Labor Day and give my best to Gary!

Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 6, 2020, at 18:35, Dibby Olson

Commissioners,
Please do not grant the renewal permit for Nestle. We should not be pulling water out of our ground here in Chaffee County, and sending it via semi to Denver, not to mention the horrific environmental threat of all of the bottles. Nestle has not followed some of the things they agreed to 10 years ago, including turning the land they purchased over a conservation easement as they were supposed to, having sold a parcel before replatting the remaining land. Further more climate change is a very real threat now and the process they are using to move that water and put it in plastic is making it worse. Please do the right thing this time and listen to the people of Chaffee - oppose this permit. Thank you for all you do for our county!
Dibby Olson

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Thank you for your e-mail. I have forwarded your e-mail to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, and he will add your comments to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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From: Richard P [mailto: ]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:40 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgransella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle

Nestle is an international "bully." Shut'em off! That company has ruined many small towns with flattery.

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Jon Roorda, PLS
Chaffee County
Planning Manager

From: tspsailor [mailto:___@chaffee county .org]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2020 3:06 PM
To: jroorda@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Re; Nestles application.

I personally find it amazing as to why 'Nestles' was allowed a permit to begin with. What benefit does their operation bring to the county? How many jobs, environmental benefit? Nestles has stolen water throughout the world, even in drought stricken areas. All that is received is penny's per gallon. This is not a corporate right, the water belongs to the people. The future of this county depends on its water source, the water is not unlimited.

Basically what is your preference, money for a foreign corporation that lies about jobs and water usage, or a responsible stand for the people's rights.

Respectfully
Terry Phillips

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Dear Sir,

As a resident of Chaffee County and the state of Colorado, I wish to comment on the proposal. Initially Nestles was fraudulent in their initial application, concerning active jobs and environmental considerations. The aquifer in Colorado is very fragile and valuable, to allow continued abuse of this valuable resource is as criminal as was the approval of the use of our aquifer initially. To line the pockets of a foreign corporation that is known throughout the world to abuse all trust is truly negligent. Do not approve this application, stand for the people of Colorado.

Respectfully
Terry Phillips
10795 Cr 197A # 194
Nathrop, Colorado

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Hello Mr. Plowman,

Thank you for your email. Because due process considerations preclude me from commenting on this topic now, I have included Jon Roorda and Christie Barton of our planning team so they can include it our official records for future deliberations.

The first hearing will begin at 5:00p the evening of October 20th at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds and Events Center with a daytime session on Thursday the 22nd. I’ve attached our full public notice with more details.

Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 10, 2020, at 08:46, Nick Plowman wrote:

Hello,

As a Chaffee county resident, I'm requesting that you deny Nestle's request for a permit to remove water from a drought stricent environment. If even half of the information at https://unbottle-protect.org/permit-renewal-denied/ is true, it should be an easy vote for you.

Nick Plowman

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Ms. Price,

Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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-----Original Message-----
From: Sarah Price
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 6:31 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org
Cc: kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranze@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Deny 1041 permit to Nestle

I strongly oppose Nestle taking water from Buena Vista, Poncha Springs and Salida.

1) Nestle Waters North America should not be allowed to operate on land of state wide interest

2) Mandatory Philanthropy does not outweigh our loss

3) PROLIFERATION OF PLASTIC POLLUTION

4) NON-COMPLIANCE ON HIRING LOCALS

5) NON-COMPLIANCE ON PROMISED CONSERVATION EASEMENT

6) LACK OF EVIDENCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

7) BREACH OF TRUST

DENY the 1041 PERMIT TO NESTLE

SARAH PRICE
SALIDA, COLORADO

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Thank you for your e-mail. I will forward to our County Planning Manager, Jon Roorda as part of the record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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Greg, Keith, Rusty, and Patty,

We can see no reason to continue the removal of water from our county to be bottled on the front range. It is a loss of Chaffee County resources, a waste of diesel fuel, an increase of trucks on the highways, and a waste of plastic bottles. All for a few trucking jobs, and they don't even live here!

Please DO NOT renew the agreement with Nestle to remove water from our county.

Thanks!

Dr. Bob and Jane Provorse

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Ms. Rathke,

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
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-----Original Message-----
From: Pam Rathke [mask]
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 6:52 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestles

Drought, drought, drought, drought.....WE NEED THIS WATER High fire danger: we could easily be one of those California towns....WE NEED THIS WATER When we start running low on water and have to cut back usage, I assume that not only will our water bills go up, but our property values will go down.
We have water restrictions every year, does that not say it all?
Your vote will effect my vote in November.

Thank you for all of your hard work!
Pam Rathke
Sent from my iPad
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I'm in the process of transitioning from Missouri to Colorado, remodeling a home in Howard. I am moving to Colorado for various reasons including the mountains, pristine water, and a populace that values healthy living. For years I have dealt with compromised drinking water, as in over-treated, out of compliance Missouri River water. When I heard Chaffee County was actually letting Nestles commercialize our spring water, I was greatly disappointed. Here in Howard I have no water rights, beyond basic needs from our well. I didn’t fully comprehend what that meant and now understand I can’t water a garden. Additionally, in our township, many of our ponds have been drained or breached due to water fights with Kansas. Over the last four years, we have experienced extreme drought and survived the 2019 Decker Fire, and 2016 Hayden Pass Fire. I find it extremely short-sighted to give Nestle our pristine water, even if they replace that volume with less superior water, water that could easily be needed to fight another Fire. Given the growing threat of Climate Change, it’s not looking good; water is our life-line.

I have avoided bottled water for years. I have a long history of organizing groups to pick up litter, plastic bottles always predominant. I’m very opposed to industries that saddle us with their pollution – litter and bottles expensive to recycle. If held accountable, they would switch to plant-based bottles. Instead they talk communities into giving away their “white gold”, keep producing, a water-intensive process in itself.
and marketing their product. Their current practices aren't sustainable given the realities of Climate Change, and their pollution threatening our land, water, and food sources. I imagine you have heard of the swirling Great Pacific Garbage Patch. They will never improve their practices unless we simply say "no".

Please say NO to this multi-billionaire corporation who is putting us all at risk.

Sincerely, Joan Read, Howard

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From: Jennifer Davis <jdavis@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Jonathan Roorda, PLS; Christie Barton
Subject: FW: Please vote for nestle to submit a full, detailed application not just renewal

From: Jennifer A. Davis
Chaffee County Attorney
POB 699
Salida, Colorado 81201
Ph: 719.539.5564 (Salida) 719.395.4006 (BV)
Fax: 719.539.7442 (Salida) 719.395.4015 (BV)

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From: Keith Baker <kbaker@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:02 AM
To: JENNIFER DAVIS <jdavis@chaffecounty.org>; Daniel Tom <dtom@chaffecounty.org>
Subject: Fwd: Please vote for nestle to submit a full, detailed application not just renewal

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cami Renfrow <blackout@gmail.com>
Subject: Please vote for nestle to submit a full, detailed application not just renewal
Date: September 1, 2020 at 09:33:15 MDT
To: "gfell@chaffecounty.org" <gfell@chaffecounty.org>, "kbaker@chaffecounty.org" <kbaker@chaffecounty.org>, "pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org" <pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org>, "rgranzenia@chaffecounty.org" <rgranzenia@chaffecounty.org>

Hi,
I'm checking in at today's meeting through zoom but wanted to email also.

Please vote for Nestlé to submit an entire application rather than coasting along with a renewal of the obscured noncompliance of the last years.

We need to see the full measure of this permit and our local water supplies under the public eye.
Thank you,
Cami Renfrow
Howard CO

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Mr. Roberts

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
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From: Matthew Roberts [mailto:matthew.roberts@chaffeecounty.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 8:36 AM
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org; Kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Unbottle Nestle

Dear Sirs & Ladies,

As a lifelong resident of the Arkansas valley now residing in Chaffee County, since, 1999, I strongly urge you to not renew the lease that Nestle North America is interested in continuing.

We must now make the decision to not squander our precious natural resource to a for-profit entity whose product is contaminating our environment through their carbon footprint of transportation and the pandemic that is plastic bottling.

As our county continues to grow we must retain all natural resources that can be used to help support the continued growth. Prostituting our aquifers is not an option.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Concerned Chaffee County Voter:

Matthew J. Roberts
Buena Vista

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Jon Roorda

From: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:39 PM
To: 'Jon Roorda'
Subject: FW: Nestle’s Bottled Water Operation in Chaffee County

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Daniel Rodeheffer [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Patty Baldwin; G Felt; Keith Baker; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle’s Bottled Water Operation in Chaffee County

Please do not renew Nestle's permit to draw water from the Ruby Mountain Spring in Chaffee County.

Single-use plastic bottling of water should no longer be enabled but rather be curtailed and eliminated. The World does not need more plastic trash.

Preserve precious Chaffee County water resources and reserve them for uses that truly benefit people, wildlife and the environment.

Mitigate a significant source of heavy truck traffic into and out of Chaffee County and throughout the I-285 highway corridor.

Daniel and Martha Rodeheffer

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Ms. Roman,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant  
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO  81201  
719.539.2218

Beth Roman  
Monday, September 28, 2020 8:57 AM  
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; rgranze@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org; kibaker@chaffeecounty.org  
Subject: Nestle

Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opinion about Nestle's request to renew their permit to withdraw water from an aquifer source in Chaffee County.

I am opposed to renewal of Nestle's permit for the following reasons:

1) As a society, we must end our dependence on single use plastics that end up blowing around our streets and fields, entering our waterways, creating islands of plastic in the ocean, and filling up landfills. As you may know, plastic does not biodegrade. It photo degrades, that means that it never really goes away. It just breaks into smaller and smaller pieces that become ingested by waterfowl and other living creatures. Plastic has good uses, but, as something that lasts forever, it should NEVER be used in a single use product.

2) The value of the water in the aquifer underneath Chaffee County cannot be measured. It's easy to assume that water will always be there. It's easy to tell constituents that water will always be there. We can't see that water. We won't know that it's not there until wells start running dry. Aquifers are not recharged at will. They take many, many years to be recharged. Allowing any corporation to remove that water so that it can deplete a natural resource that belongs to Chaffey County is akin to selling your birthright for a bowl of stew. It's not smart business.

3) As Nestle has provided minimal, if any, benefit to Chaffee County in their activities here, they have proven to be unreliable and untrustworthy business partners. They have not put their land into the agreed conservation easement and therefore have not proven good faith toward the people of Colorado and Chaffee County.

I urge you to deny Nestle any further permits or renewals for their operation within Chaffee County.

Sincerely,
Ms. Sanford,

Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Kat S [me]
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 4:26 PM
To: gfelt@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org; Kbaker@chaffecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; bcchristiansen@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Ruby Springs, Chaffee County and Nestle

Hello Greg Felt, Keith Baker, Rusty Granzella, Patty Baldwin, and Robert Christiansen

Thank you for your service to our community. I love our county, country and community, but have concerns with the negative impacts of Nestle’s extortion of our community resources.

Water is the most precious resource we have. Consider the food chain, most people put plants at the bottom. But what do plants eat? Water, and sunlight. Water is at the very bottom of everything. Our bodies, our cells and our planet are mostly made of water.

All water is part of a natural system that can be permanently disrupted when abused. A place is only as lush as it’s water source, and desertification can and has happened around the globe throughout history. Aquifers in particular are sensitive to these changes. They can be irreversibly impacted by being drained excessively, or by pollution. This pollution can come from unsafe extraction processes, chemicals, and other sources. Nestle has been trusted to self-report everything with no oversight.

When the aquifer is damaged, it effects all the springs, lakes, and rivers that stem from that aquifer... these stretch throughout our county, state, and country. The effects of Nestle’s carelessness reaches far beyond Chaffee county. Plastic pollution, and over-drawing water during drought conditions have widespread consequences.

I heard from a Native American once that, while making decisions, they consider the impact it will have for 7 generations to come. It is up to you, Greg, Keith, Rusty, Patty, and Robert, to consider the long-term impacts of putting corporate greed before community and environmental needs. Money is transient, its value changes day in and day out. No other species "needs" money... Water, on the other hand, it's essential for the well-being of all life. Our community and ecosystem depend on it. **Need over greed!**
Nestle's water rights permit is coming up for renewal. Nestle has not contributed to the well-being of the County's community, or lands. Rather, they have been leeching resources from our community for profit while repeatedly breaking their promises. There has been no enforcement of their initial permit on hiring locals, or contributing towards public lands. They have had a decade to show their character, and have shown themselves to be unreliable, untrustworthy, and working purely for profit. The cost of the permit has been extremely low for the amount of profit they make: almost none of which benefits the community. They have said they will contribute their land towards conservation on the condition that their permit is renewed: this is black mail. It's holding land hostage for profit. They've already subdivided the prime portions. They have no interest, or investment in our community. They contribute greatly to the pollution of our environment through the continued use of single-use-plastics.

By denying the permit, it not only protects our water (200 gallons per minute) but it opens opportunities in our own community. Perhaps Chaffee county could start a brand where it sells water, or increases farming/irrigation to increase the community's food security. Covid-19 has highlighted many weaknesses in supply chains, for everything from food to medications. By supporting local agriculture, we can develop a sustainable, self-sufficient community that does not rely on mass agriculture and factory farms to feed the population in Chaffee County. There are numerous opportunities that are waiting to benefit Chaffee county residents. These could be some of them. This would impact far more than the few people employed by Nestle driving trucks.

If the permit is renewed, consider reducing the water amounts granted from 64 million gallons a year to a much lower amount... and raising the cost of the permit drastically. Also, consider having regular inspections and communications with Nestle to enforce the terms of the permit. They are practically stealing our water at the current rate and cost, with no impacts from failure to comply with prior contractual agreements.

Also consider reading more on the impacts, and Nestle's behavior here: https://unbottle-protect.org/permit-renewal-denied/

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Katherine Sanford

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Nestle

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cindy Sasson
Date: September 5, 2020 at 11:14:04 AM CDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Deny nestle permit

Not enough money in the world for this

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Mr. Sasso,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

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From: Phil Sasso [mailto:psasso@chaffecounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:04 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle

Nestle Company believes water is a commodity everyone should pay for. I believe I should be able to turn on my faucet and have clean water to drink. The cost would be borne by me and my community. COMMUNITY not COMMODITY. Nestle wastes water to make the bottles it puts our water in and sells back to us. No, no, no dealing with the Nestle Company please.

Sincerely,
Phil Sasso
122 Mesa Drive
Salida, Co 81201

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Hi Dick,

I hope you are doing well. It has been awhile since I have heard from you. I have forwarded your e-mail to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, and he will add your comments to the public record.

Take care!

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Dick Scar [mailto: ]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 2:21 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org; gfelt@chaffecounty.org; kbaker@chaffecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle

I've been against this Nestle project from the very beginning. It is not in the best interest of this county. It increases traffic on Hwy 285. It is a wasteful use of water.

I urge you not to renew Nestle Waters' permit to take water from Chaffee County.

Sincerely,
Dick Scar
P.O. Box 717
311 East Pine St.
Buena Vista

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Mo Schalit [mailto]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:20 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Nestle water

Please deny Nestle the permit to continue to remove our precious water from Chaffe County.

I am a permanent resident of Salida Co.

Thank you.

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Good evening Ms. Scheidegger -

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Best regards,

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

On Sep 9, 2020, at 16:47, Barb Scheidegger[edacted]

Dear County commissioners and the county administrator,

Back in 2009 when Nestle wanted to truck water from Chaffee County, I opposed this. They promised jobs and oversight and they had more money for lawyers then we did. Why would you allow this precious resource to be taken from our county?

You have been asked to make good decisions for us as a county. Please deny Nestle's permit. Let's keep Chaffee water in Chaffee county!

Sincerely, Barb Scheidegger - a 19 year resident of Salida.

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Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kim Scheuer
Subject: Nestle Waters' permit
Date: September 15, 2020 at 21:01:00 MDT
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org, kbaker@chaffeecounty.org, rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org
Cc: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org

Dear Commissioners Greg Felt, Keith Baker, Rusty Granzella and Administrative Assistant Patty Baldwin,
It has come to our attention that you are considering renewing Nestle's Waters' permit to take and truck 65 million gallons of water per year from the area for another ten years. Our opinion is that the 1041 permit for Nestle's Bottled Water Operation does not fulfill the requirement of having the county and citizens' benefits outweigh the loss of resources to our community. We strongly oppose renewing their permit. A loss of a natural resource of this importance over the next ten years could be critical to our county well being, health, and economy.
Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns.
Sincerely,
Kim Scheuer, MD and Derek Olsen, RN

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Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant  
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201  
719.539.2218

From: Work [mailto:granzella@chaffecounty.org]  
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2020 12:45 PM  
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org  
Subject: Fwd: Nestle Waters North America request for a 10 year 1041 permit renewal

Nestle stuff. Rusty  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brenda Sebern  
Date: September 5, 2020 at 1:09:51 PM CDT  
To: <granzella@chaffecounty.org>  
Subject: Nestle Waters North America request for a 10 year 1041 permit renewal

Dear Commissioner Granzella,

It is my understanding that Nestle is requesting a 10-year 1041 permit renewal to suck water from Ruby Springs, and truck it to Denver to be bottled, in plastic, under their Arrowhead brand.

I believe that permit should be denied for the following reasons:

1. With climate change heating up, and Colorado water drying up, it is time to deny Nestle’s permit to pull water out of the Arkansas River and bottle it in plastic and sell across the country.
2. Nestle Waters North America should not be allowed to operate on land of statewide interest.
3. Mandatory philanthropy does not outweigh our loss.
4. Proliferation of plastic pollution.
5. Non-compliance on hiring locals.
7. Lack of evidence of sustainability.
9. Need cannot be substantiated.

Sincerely,

Brenda Sebern
Chaffee County Resident

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Begin forwarded message:

From: victor selenow
Subject: Nestle
Date: August 12, 2020 at 14:03:12 MDT
To: kbaker@chaffecounty.org

Keith, I hope that you will deny Nestle a permit renewal. The benefits to citizens are way less than those to Nestle. Kick them out. Thanks, Victor Selenow

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Roberta Smith
Subject: Nestle
Date: September 11, 2020 at 09:23:45 MDT
To: Kbaker@chaffecounty.org

Dear Commissioner Baker,

It is my understanding that Nestle is requesting a 10-year 1041 permit renewal to draw water from Ruby Springs, and truck it to Denver to be bottled, in plastic, under their Arrowhead brand. I believe that permit should be denied for the following reasons:

1. With climate change heating up, and Colorado water drying up, it is time to deny Nestle’s permit to pull water out of the Arkansas River and bottle it in plastic and sell across the country.
2. Nestle Waters North America should not be allowed to operate on land of state-wide interest.
3. Mandatory philanthropy does not outweigh our loss.
4. Proliferation of plastic pollution!!!!
5. Non-compliance on hiring locals.
7. Lack of evidence of sustainability.
9. The need cannot be substantiated.

Sincerely,
Roberta Smith
Chaffee County Resident

Roberta Smith
712 W Sackett Ave
Salida, CO 81201
Ms. Spohn,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, to be added to the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

Dear Commissioners-

Do NOT renew the Nestle Waters lease.

Nestle’s Waters lease does not benefit our community. Our resources are very important. Chaffee County water belongs in Chaffee County and not with the Nestle corporation. Nestle’s Bottled Water Operation should NEVER have been allowed in the first place. People can filter their water. No need for this much bottled water.

Do not sell out Chaffee County. I will not be voting for any commissioner who votes in favor of Nestle.

Sincerely,

Susan

Susan Spohn
PO Box 1231
Salida, CO 81201
Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jay Staten
Subject: Say NO to Nestle's Bottled Water Operation
Date: September 16, 2020 at 10:23:42 MDT
To: paultom@chaffeecounty.org, gfelt@chaffeecounty.org, kbaker@chaffeecounty.org, rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org

Good Morning, Commissioners:

I would like to add my voice to the Nestle's Bottled Water Operation debate. Please vote NO to an extension of the operation. Once bottled, our water leaves the area and does not return. We have enough problems with water issues in the Rocky Mountains without having a commercial enterprise take more of it away.

In addition, I am opposed to the use of single-use plastic water bottles.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Judith M. Staten
13975 Co Rd 261H, Nathrop, CO 81236

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Mr. Strickland,

Your comments have been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda and will become part of the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant  
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO  81201  
719.539.2218

From: Kent Strickland [mailto:]  
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 4:11 PM  
To: gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org  
Subject: Nestle Permit Renewal

Gentlemen:

I'm writing to oppose the Nestle permit renewal.

Ten years ago, I was surprised and disappointed when the Commissioners approved it. Today, with much more science at hand, and the finite nature of our most precious natural resource even more evident, I feel it is bad policy to continue the permit.

I understand Nestle has been compliant with the agreement and some benefits have accrued to the county. However, I feel that our long run interests should prevail in an environment where water is critical. Simply stated, it's just not a good idea to continue letting it go, and I urge you vote accordingly.

Sincerely,
Kent Strickland
Poncha Springs

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I believe this is now a public comment.

Hi all, it is good to hear that experts will be hired to review and monitor Nestle’s operation. Thank you for the update, Jenny.

I hope commissioners will also request a "formal application submission for a permit extension" from Nestle since the company boasts this on their website:


The short letter requesting an extension, which was submitted by Mike Allen who worked for Nestle and served as the PC chairman at the time, seems inadequate. Especially because it is admitted that the plan was for the permit to be renewed as it is with planned changes to be made later. The changes Nestle wishes to make should be done now in a transparent way. The language about the initial construction and the SLUP, which are no longer relevant, can be removed. The amendments and revisions made over the last 10 years can be incorporated. The land the permit initially covered isn’t even the same due to the boundary line adjustment with the Jacobsons/Cogans.

Thanks again for your considerations,
Jen

On Wed, Aug 26, 2020, 1:52 PM Jennifer Davis <jdavis@chaffecounty.org> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Yes, Gary Thompson is with WW Wheeler. After further inquiry, I discovered that Mr. Thompson has not been reviewing the reports the past few years (Jon Roorda has been doing that), but he has been engaged to review them in anticipation of the upcoming hearing. I presume he’ll be preparing a written report for that which will be made available to the public after receipt by the County.

Jenny
Thank you for responding. I have a few additional questions.

1.) Is the county consultant you reference, Gary Thompson, with wwwheeler?

2.) Does Mr. Thompson also review the hydrology reports Nestle provides and their Big Horn Springs and Ruby Mountain land management plans?

3.) Are the reviews of these more technical reports available?

Thanks again and in advance,

Jen
Hi Ms. Swacina,

The County Planning Department, headed by Jon Roorda, reviews the annual reports, along with the County's water engineering consultant, Gary Thompson.

Jenny

From: Jennifer A. Davis
Chaffee County Attorney
POB 699
Salida, Colorado 81201
Ph: 719.530.5564 (Salida) 719.395.4006 (BV)
Fax: 719.539.7442 (Salida) 719.395.4015 (BV)

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From: Jennifer Swacina
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:45 AM
To: Keith Baker <kbaker@chaffeecounty.org>
Cc: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>; Jon Roorda <jroorda@chaffeecounty.org>; JENNIFER DAVIS <jdavis@chaffeecounty.org>; Daniel Tom <dtom@chaffeecounty.org>; Rusty Granella <rgranella@chaffeecounty.org>; Greg Felt <gfelt@chaffeecounty.org>; dswallow@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Re: Nestle Permit information missing online and who are Nestle's Chaffee County consultants

Hello Commissioners and County Staff,

Thank you to your helpful staff who located the Westco Express trucking letter for me. I have since learned that after their permit was approved, Nestle Waters requested to figure the 50% of drivers quota based on a payroll formula vs.an actual number of drivers.

However, I still have not received a response about who the professional county consultants are who are currently monitoring Nestle's operations and reviewing the reports they provide.
Thanks again for your time and attention to this matter,

Jen Swacina

On Jul 13, 2020, at 00:02, Jennifer Swacina:

Hello County Commissioners and Staff,

I did not receive a response regarding current or past consultants who review Nestle-provided data. As near as I can tell, the last time a county-hired consultant reviewed something was Nestle's request for technical revision #12 regarding their reporting and monitoring requirements (TR#12 was then retracted by Nestle). On a somewhat related note, the "technical revisions" link online is currently labeled as "technical reviews," which could be misleading to the public.

Also, county staff were unable to locate a letter referenced in the Nestle 1041 permit (resolution 2009-42) within an hour, so I was informed, per policy, that I would have to pay $20 per hour for them to continue looking for it. Would it be possible to use Nestle's administrative funds (described in section 4.12) to devote more time to locating it? I submitted a CORA request for the letter from Westco Express Inc. regarding how the hiring of local drivers is determined (section 4.26). It seems to me that such a letter mentioned in the actual permit would be relevant in discussion of the permit renewal.

As I understand it, the Nestle permit renewal topic cannot be brought up during public comment on the agenda at BOCC meetings, so I am curious about the process that goes on before the October 20th public hearing. Will commissioners be having work sessions to discuss this internally? When considering this permit renewal in our community, the possibility that Nestle may sell their North American water brands and the investigation into Nestle's business practices by the Congressional House Committee on Oversight and Reform should be considered.

Nestle consultant/PC Chair, Mike Allen (now resigned), had proposed in his request-for-renewal letter that, due to lack of time, the permit should be renewed as it is currently written and later amended. Since there is now time because the permit was extended, can you help me understand how permit language will be added or removed before the vote in October? For example, removing language about the pipeline construction that is no longer relevant and removing the 10-year term since the construction investment was the reason for that length of time.
Thank you for your consideration,

Jen Swacina

On Tue, May 26, 2020 at 10:51 PM Jennifer Swacina wrote:

Hello County Commissioners and Staff,

I appreciate that this has been an extremely stressful time for the commissioners and all of the county staff, however, please prioritize putting the Nestle Waters permit and amendments (resolutions) as well as the technical revisions back on the public notices page. The link labeled as "resolutions" on the public notices page has recently been replaced by a letter from Nestle, and the technical revisions have been removed entirely. This is not the first time I have noticed missing information or incorrectly linked information on the public notices page and have had to ask for corrections. Previously, the 2009 annual report was missing and many of the earlier annual reports were mislabeled and linked to incorrect documents. Is this information publicly available online anywhere else? Was it publicly available online before it was put on the public notices page?

Also, please tell me who the current county "consultants" are who review Nestle-provided data. I understand Mike Allen (PC Chairman) does consulting for Nestle through his business, Apex Development Services. Is he also paid through the County's admin funds to review Nestle's annual reports? Nestle's other consulting company, S.S. Papadopulos & Associates, is not a Chaffee County consulting business, correct? I ask because Larry Lawrence of Nestle said the following:

"During and since our permit application in 2009, we have been required to provide extensive monitoring information and data collection (ecological, environmental, financial, traffic, etc.). This necessitated not only paying our own consultants but also paying for additional consultants hired by the county to review all that data as part of our application process. We continue to fund a budget for the county to use their own consultants to review and comment on the information and scientific analysis we include in our Annual Reports. These consultants retained by the County help to ensure that the County and its citizens have the transparency and data they need to ensure that the permit has been fully vetted and meets all the requirements set forth by the County and the State."

One last thing, will the staff report regarding Nestle's permit compliance between Sept. 2009 and Sept. 2019 be publicly available much before the October 20 hearing date?

Thank you for updating the website, and for having the appropriate people respond to my questions (in bold print). And thank you for your public service,

Jen Swacina
Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jolyntaylor <[redacted]>
Subject: Water
Date: September 26, 2020 at 07:59:51 MDT
To: Kbaker@chaffeecounty.org

Please vote NO on the Nestle water rights/proposition! We need our water ourselves!
Jolyn Taylor

Sent from my iPad

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February 27, 2019

Chaffee County Board of Commissioners
c/o Patti Baldwin
104 Crestone Avenue
Salida, CO 81202

Dear Commissioners;

The current permit held by Nestle Waters North America (NWNA) to extract spring water at the old Hagen Fish Hatchery site (Ruby Mountain) is up for renewal. The Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CPC-TU) was involved in the original permit design process and supports renewal of the permit with the recommendations listed below. We were pleased to hear that monitoring data from multiple wells indicated there has been no negative impact to the water supply from the springs to the river and that the annual consumption of spring water is 60% less than the amount allowed under the permit.

As part of the renewal process Nestle has proposed a Lot Line Adjustment between the Nestle property and the adjacent landowner, Laurie Jacobson. This adjustment yields no net acreage change to either parcel. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is in support of this lot line adjustment. The lot line adjustment better protects Nestle's water supply and springs and facilitates potential expansion of the reclamation project. CPC-TU sees only positive outcomes with the lot line adjustment including providing more river access and opportunities for enhanced wildlife habitat.

NWNA is in process for creating a large conservation easement for the entire NWNA site. Such a conservation easement would preserve open space, maintain wildlife habitat and movement corridors and provide wildlife (Rocky Mountain Big Horn sheep) viewing opportunities at the north entrance to Browns Canyon National Monument. The lot line adjustment improves and does not diminish the conservation easement. CPC-TU is in strong support of creating the conservation easement.

Recommendations:

- The education component, part of the original development plan, was not completed. There are interpretive graphic sign stands but no educational/interpretive signs installed. Signs should be installed describing the habitat improvements NWNA has made for wildlife, fish along with other educational information on local flora and fauna.
- Additional rehabilitation/reconstruction of the area to the south of the pumphouses would be a positive and preferred action. There should be input from riparian area restoration experts and an aquatic biologist regarding possible reconfiguration of the ponds and reconstruction of the old ditches into meandering streams with features to hold fish and to potentially provide spawning habitat.

Collegiate Peaks Chapter - Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 1081
Salida, CO 81201
○ Use by anglers and birders should be enhanced by reconfiguring the steep slope from the river edge up to the level bench at the top to include an intermediate terraced path to direct and control visitor movement and river access.
○ NWNA should collaborate with Chaffee County Road Department to achieve the best re-build of the CR 300 along the one-lane section adjacent to the southernmost pond that will be significantly impacted.
○ Although the reclaimed area will remain closed to the general public, provision should be made for special use access by groups such as Colorado Mountain College, CPC-TU, Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) and other approved groups for educational purposes on watershed restoration, fish habitat and behavior, wetlands (Big Horn Springs) purpose and so on.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Keith Krebs, Board of Directors, Youth Education Chair
Collegiate Peaks Chapter – Trout Unlimited

[Address]

Collegiate Peaks Chapter – Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 1081
Salida, CO 81201
Keith Baker
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bryan Ward
Subject: Nestle Bottles, Plastic Bags
Date: September 16, 2020 at 07:23:47 MDT
To: p baldwin@chaffeecounty.org, kbaker@chaffeecounty.org, g felt@chaffeecounty.org, r granzella@chaffeecounty.org

Hello Commissioners,
I want to voice the opinion of myself and my business partners at Moonlight Pizza do not see Nestle’s operation in Chaffee County as beneficial. I think Chaffee County should stand up against single use plastic, such as Nestle Water bottles.

On another note, I have heard talk about it: We would really love to see the ban of single use plastic grocery bags in Chaffee County as well.

Thanks for all you do, and for standing behind the citizens.

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Bryan Ward
Moonlight Pizza & Brewpub

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Adrian Weaver
Subject: No to the Nestle water rights renewal
Date: September 15, 2020 at 10:20:16 MDT
To: rgranzella@chaffecounty.org, kbaker@chaffecounty.org, gfelt@chaffecounty.org, pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org

Hello,

I am a resident of Buena Vista and I wanted to voice my concerns about the Nestle water rights renewal. This use of the water has too high an environmental impact with no real benefit to our county or anyone else (other than Nestle). We need to do away with single use plastic bottles as well as transporting a resource that is already locally available around the world.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adrian Weaver

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From: Wendy Weiner
Subject: Nestle
Date: September 10, 2020 at 16:42:47 MDT
To: Kbaker@chaffecounty.org

Dear Sir,

As a citizen of Chaffee County I implore you to vote down the renewal of the Nestle water extraction in Johnson Village. As the southwest is in extreme draught it doesn't make sense to lease our water away. It is better suited for our farmers, ranchers and residents. Trucking water to Denver uses untold fossil fuels and it is appalling the amount of single use bottles that are used and then tossed away. And we know that little to none of those bottles are recycled.

I urge you to vote down the renewal.

Sincerely,

Wendy Weiner

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Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, for the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

-----Original Message-----
From: dana wills
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:42 PM
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org
Subject: Nestle and Our Water

Please do not renew the permit with Nestle.

For decades they have not been a responsible company, from discouraging breastfeeding in the Third World, to now using water from beautiful Chaffee County to sell in what should be outlawed: single use bottles.

Please make us proud in Chaffee County!

Dana Will
903 Swift Circle
Buena Vista, CO 81211
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Jon Roorda

From: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:30 AM
To: 'Jon Roorda'
Subject: FW: Do not want Nestle's to take water from Chaffee County

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Patty Baldwin [mailto:pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:29 AM
To: ‘Margaret Wilson’; ‘kbaker@chaffeecounty.org’; ‘rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org’; ‘gfelt@chaffeecounty.org’
Subject: RE: Do not want Nestle's to take water from Chaffee County

Ms. and Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for your e-mail. It has been sent to Planning Manager, Jon Roorda, for the public record.

Patty Baldwin, Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 699, Salida, CO 81201
719.539.2218

From: Margaret Wilson [mailto:kbaker@chaffeecounty.org]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:22 PM
To: kbaker@chaffeecounty.org; rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org; gfelt@chaffeecounty.org; pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Do not want Nestle's to take water from Chaffee County

This is to let you know that I, Margaret Wilson and my husband, William Wilson are opposed to letting Nestle take water from our county for the next ten years! Water is such a valuable resource and we need all the water we have here in the Arkansas Valley. We also oppose single use bottles as it doesn't benefit the environment!! Thank you for hearing our request!!
Margaret & Skip(Wm) Wilson

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From: Work [mailto:rgranella@chaffecounty.org]  
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:38 PM  
To: pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org  
Subject: Fwd: Renewal of Nestle Water Rights in Chaffee County

Nestle

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From:  
Date: September 10, 2020 at 4:32:50 PM MDT  
To: <rgranella@chaffecounty.org>  
Subject: Renewal of Nestle Water Rights in Chaffee County

Please do NOT renew the water rights for Nestle in Chaffee County. I am a recent citizen of Chaffee County and I came from Florida where I have personally watched Nestle destroy natural springs in central Florida due to their bottling operations of water. In Florida they have not lived up to their side of the bargain. They have not taken care of the natural springs that they take water from. They have not given back to or helped the various small communities they have operations in. Please do not let them ruin this beautiful county. Thank you.

Chuck Witt  
US Highway 24 N,  
Buena Vista, CO.

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From: Keith Baker <kbaker@chaffeecounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Christie Barton; Jon Roorda
Subject: Fwd: Nestle

Keith Baker
Commander, United States Navy (Retired)
Commissioner, Chaffee County, Colorado
719.963.4164

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristi Young
Subject: Nestle
Date: September 15, 2020 at 16:39:16 MDT
To: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org, gfelt@chaffeecounty.org, kbaker@chaffeecounty.org, rgranzella@chaffeecounty.org

I have been a resident of Chaffee County since 1995 and have always worried and wondered about the amount of water that we have here in Chaffee County. Now, with so many people wanting to move to Chaffee County we need to be diligent on what we do with our water. I was against Nestle initially when they wanted to bottle water here in Chaffee County and I am still against Nestle taking our water and making a profit selling bottled water. I do not think that the “benefits accruing County and Citizens outweigh loss of resources or losses of Opportunity to develop resources.”
Please protect our water and vote NO on renewing Nestle Waters’ permit!!! Also, please protect our Oceans from the millions of single use plastic water bottles that are thrown away each day!!

Kristi Young
10301 RiverBend Rd
Salida, CO

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From: Erica Wohldmann [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 6:07 AM
To: pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org
Subject: Chaffee County Nestle Permit

Dear Commissioners,

In a time when other states are moving away from allowing companies like Nestle to extract their water, put it into single-use plastic bottles, and sell it worldwide, we should not be considering a renewal of their 10-year permit. Bottled water companies should not be allowed to extract an essential public resource and sell it for private profit. Moreover, the plastic waste produced by bottling companies comes at a burden to tax payers. Chaffee just agreed to raise the subsides for Angel of Shavano to handle increased costs of recycling. Plastic in the US is largely being disposed of in landfills because China no longer wants our trash. Rejecting this permit gives us the power to reduce plastic at the source! In addition, while our county might not be struggling from a reduced supply of water, our state is. Researchers at CSU recently published findings suggesting that the Colorado River system’s ongoing 19-year drought could trigger unprecedented water rationing among its southern states by mid-2020.

Giving Nestle a permit to extract our water for the next 10 years comes at a major cost to us, and to future generations of Coloradans. We have an opportunity this year, right now, to put people over profits. I hope you will strongly consider denying this permit.

Thank you,
Erica L. Wohldmann, Ph.D.

(https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/news/washington-state-moves-towards-banning-bottled-water-extraction?fbclid=IwAR3CmLoZrhw3nT189B1U88NnJWe5j3EDS7Qwu8GEQ8MILfTaTUpppx_85r0)

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/lingering-colorado-river-drought-could-lead-to-water-shortages/)
Begin forwarded message:

From: Sue
Subject: DO NOT RENEW NESTLE'S WATER PERMIT
Date: September 16, 2020 at 14:49:10 MDT
To: "gfelt@chaffecounty.org" <gfelt@chaffecounty.org>, "kbaker@chaffecounty.org" <kbaker@chaffecounty.org>, "rgranzella@chaffecounty.org" <rgranzella@chaffecounty.org>, "pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org" <pbaldwin@chaffecounty.org>

As residents of Chaffee County, we strongly oppose renewing the 1041 Permit allowing Nestle to extract up to 65 million gallons of water per year from the Ruby Mountain Springs. Our region is suffering from an extended drought and we are seeing the devastating effects in reduced stream flow and increased fire activity. We need to protect our water supply for local use, not sell it to a corporation that is bottling it and distributing it elsewhere for profit.

Other state and municipal communities are finally waking up to Nestle's harmful practices and empty promises. Hood River County Oregon passed a ballot measure in 2016 to ban commercial water bottling after Nestle tried to build a plant to extract 100 million gallons annually. Osceola Township in Michigan is fighting Nestle's plan to double their groundwater extraction after nearby trout streams turned to mud flats and the city aquifer dropped 14 feet. Bills have also been introduced in the states of Washington and Maine to ban bottling companies from extracting groundwater.

The entire bottle water industry is a marketing scam that has reaped hundreds of billions of dollars. In this country most people have access to safe tap water that is subject to much more stringent regulations than bottled water. Then there is the enormous impact of plastic waste. Over 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away every day in the US, most of which end up in our landfills, incinerators, and waterways.
We can not continue to support such a harmful environmental practice that does not add any benefit to our community. We urge you to vote No to renew Nestle's 1041 permit.

Sincerely,

Susan Zarbock and Jerry Stites
14500 Kiowa Road,
Salida, CO
Begin forwarded message:

From: Dick Ziminski
Subject: Nestle Water's Permit
Date: September 10, 2020 at 14:29:55 MDT
To: Patty Baldwin <pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.org>, kbaker@chaffeecounty.org, qfett@chaffeecounty.org, rgranella <rgranella@chaffeecounty.org>

Patty, Keith, Greg & Rusty,

Please vote against renewing Nestle's permit to take water from our county. I am against Nestle taking water from our county. I'm also against the use of plastic bottles especially single serving plastic bottles. I'm sure all of you have seen examples on beaches all over showing how much of a problem plastic bottles have created.

Thank you,
Dick Ziminski
15914 County Road
Salida, Co 81201

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