

I want to know what the City's position regarding the Walt Ranch Project on Atlas Peak.

In 2008 the Water Division wrote (6/4/2008) of its concern about the amount of grading which may lead to an increase in the overall delivery of sediment and other pollutants into Milliken Reservoir. There was also a concern about the size of the project and the possible diversion of water that would otherwise normally enter the Milliken watershed.

The Walt Ranch Project calls for stripping out 28,000 trees and grading of the land. They are planning to build 4 reservoirs and remove at least 213 acre-feet (69,000,000 gallons) of water annually for irrigation and frost control.

If there is an increase sediment and nutrients that get in the reservoir from their run-off, it will **Create A Public Cost** to remove these pollutants—just as vineyard development created a problem and a public cost of millions of dollars for the filtration system at Rector Dam.

Has the Water Division reviewed the current draft EIR and will it respond by November 21?