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**DENVER BASIN AQUIFER**

**WHEREAS:** Senate Bill 74, adopted in 1996, authorized the State Engineer to conduct a thorough, peer-reviewed, scientific study to define the extent of underground water on the Front Range and the rate of its depletion, and

**WHEREAS:** That study reported a 300 million acre-foot groundwater supply in the Denver Basin Aquifers, a 1000-year supply at the current levels of use, and

**WHEREAS:** It is not yet clear what the long-term implications of this new information may be, but the study clearly raises questions about the wisdom of further depletions of Western Slope water by Front Range users,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 supports efforts to better manage and use the vast groundwater resources on the Front Range before any new transmountain diversions of Western Slope water are considered.

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