No-Action Alternative
The No-Action Alternative would attempt to satisfy the purpose and need if Fort Collins’ Proposed Action or an acceptable alternative were not permitted.

The No-Action Alternative is comprised of three components: Reoperation of Joe Wright Reservoir (similar to Gravel Pits Alternative), Acquisition of Additional North Poudre Irrigation Company Shares, and Mandatory Drought Restrictions. No construction is required for the No-Action Alternative.

Reoperation of Joe Wright Reservoir
• Releases from Joe Wright Reservoir would be reduced to target a winter carryover storage amount of 3,200 acre-feet.
• Not require any modifications to the existing outlet facilities at Joe Wright Reservoir.
• The reduction in releases would be accomplished by not executing a water trade with North Poudre Irrigation Company for C-BT water under certain circumstances.
• Water kept in Joe Wright Reservoir could be used towards the storage reserve safety factor for as long as the water is kept in Joe Wright Reservoir.

Mandatory Drought Restrictions
The No-Action Alternative included mandatory drought restrictions on Fort Collins’ water utility customers during periods of drought in order to reduce the water demands on the system. The use of drought restrictions to supply water through the 1-in-50 year critical drought would not meet the purpose and need for the project. Fort Collins quantified the frequency, duration, and severity of necessary drought restrictions using the hydrologic modeling.

Acquisition of Additional North Poudre Irrigation Company Shares
• Acquire more shares of North Poudre Irrigation Company (approximately 6.65% of outstanding shares) instead of the other ditch companies.
• The additional shares that have a 50 percent C-BT quota would provide 1,064 acre-feet of additional storage in Horsetooth Reservoir for Fort Collins during the critical year of the drought.

As configured, the No-Action Alternative does not meet the purpose and need due to the mandatory drought restrictions that would be necessary to provide water through the 1-in-50 year critical drought.