

LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS: "WATER GRAB WALCHER"

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<p>Referendum A – the 2 billion dollar boondoggle that would have taken our water.</p>	<p>Voters Didn't Just Say "No" To Referendum A. They Said "No Way." In November, 2003 Referendum A, a \$2 billion water bond issue was defeated so resoundingly that it stunned opponents and proponents alike. It was obliterated on the Western Slope, where voters were rejecting it by a nearly 4-to-1 ratio on perceptions that the measure was a poorly disguised effort at a Front Range water grab - a \$2 billion gift bag for housing developers eager for more subsidized reservoirs, dams and pipelines. [Rocky Mountain News, 11/5/03]</p> <p>Roll Call: Referendum A Was "Perceived As An Attempt To take Water From The Western Slope And Divert It To Denver." On June 28, 2004 <i>Roll Call</i> wrote, "Referendum A failed 67 percent to 33 percent statewide but by an even more convincing margin in the 3rd district, where it was perceived as an attempt to take water from the Western Slope and divert it to the fast-growing Denver region." [Roll Call, 6/28/04]</p> <p>Denver Post: "Referendum A Is A Ready Made Boondoggle:" On September 25, 2003 Penelope Purdy, a member of the Denver Post editorial board wrote, "Referendum A is a ready-made boondoggle, an invitation to cronyism and back-room deals." [Denver Post, 9/25/03]</p>
<p>The Rocky Mountain News said critics called Referendum A - a gift bag for housing developers - a poorly disguised water grab.</p>	<p>Rocky Mountain News: Referendum A Was "A Poorly Disguised Effort At A...Water Grab." In November, 2003 Referendum A, a \$2 billion water bond issue was defeated so resoundingly that it stunned opponents and</p>

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Well guess who helped lead the fight to get it passed...Greg Walcher. Water grab Walcher... That's right – as Head of the Department of Natural Resources Water Grab Walcher sided with developers and the special interests.

Denver Post: "One Main Supporter Of Referendum A Is Greg Walcher." According to the *Denver Post*, "One main supporter of Referendum A is Greg Walcher, director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, and he was Club 20's executive director for a decade before moving to his Denver job with the Owens administration." [[Denver Post](#), 7/8/03]

Grand Junction Sentinel: "Greg Walcher Was Criss-Crossing The State With The Governor Singing The Praises Of Referendum A." According to the *Grand Junction Sentinel* while most of the western slope political leadership opposed Referendum A, "Former Club 20 chief and then Department of Natural Resources Director Greg Walcher was criss-crossing the state with the governor singing the praises of Referendum A. [[Grand Junction Sentinel](#), 9/12/04]

Roll Call: "Walcher Was One Of The Leading Proponents Of The Referendum:" According to Roll Call, while Walcher was head of the Department of Natural Resources he was one of the leading proponents of Referendum A. The paper wrote. "Walcher was one of the leading proponents of the referendum in his capacity as head of the resources agency" [[Roll Call](#), 6/28/04]

John Salazar is different. John Salazar. A rancher and farmer, Salazar fought the special interests and opposed Referendum A.

And John Salazar understands our values and our way of life.

John Salazar Has Fought To Protect Our Water. John Salazar led the fight to defeat Referendum A, the Denver business and developer water grab. He has voted repeatedly against bills that would allow cities on the Front Range to take water from the Western Slope. [[Rocky Mountain News](#) 11/17/03, SB 236, 2003]

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