

**Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: VIII. 3.
Meeting Date: January 20, 2026**

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Aaron Caplan, Utilities & Engineering Director

DATE: January 20, 2026

ITEM: Resolution 2026-06, A Resolution of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between WaterNow Alliance and the Town of Lyons

ORDINANCE
 MOTION / RESOLUTION
 INFORMATION

- I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:** The Town is working on a number of Stormwater Infrastructure Projects. WaterNow Alliance offers technical assistance on implementing green stormwater improvements. In the spring of 2025, staff from the WaterNow Alliance developed a project to help the Town understand where it could implement green stormwater improvements in upcoming Town projects. This resolution is to approve an MOU between the Town and WaterNow Alliance.
- II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:**
Approve Resolution 2026-06.
- III. FISCAL IMPACTS:** Implementing this ordinance saves staff time that would be needed to develop graywater regulations and monitoring programs that would be required by state law if graywater systems were to be allowed. It will help prevent penalties from noncompliance with state law.
- IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**
The Town of Lyons is working to strengthen its stormwater management and expand the use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) to reduce runoff, improve water quality, and enhance community resilience to flooding and wildfire. Lyons' stormwater system faces unique challenges due to its topography, burn scar impacts, and limited stormwater utility resources.

WaterNow Alliance (WaterNow) will partner with Lyons to align the Town's GSI goals with potential updates to the Town's Construction Design Manual and Municipal Code.

WaterNow will assist Lyons in implementing GSI by developing an internal checklist to guide future decision-making, compiling peer community case studies, reviewing relevant code sections and design standards for barriers and opportunities, and providing high-level recommendations to support GSI integration into Town policies.

The resulting deliverables will allow Lyons to take practical next steps to incorporate GSI into its stormwater management, advancing the Town's water quality and resilience objectives. A detailed project outline is included in the Project Brief document in the packet.

V. LEGAL ISSUES: None known

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: None known

VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve the resolution
- Deny the resolution
- Recommend changes

PROPOSED MOTION:

"I move to approve Resolution 2026-06, A Resolution of the Town of Lyons, Colorado Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between WaterNow Alliance and the Town of Lyons."