

Colo. Springs, county drop lawsuit over pipeline

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Colorado Springs and Pueblo County have ended a 3.5-year-old legal battle over a water pipeline.

The city and county agreed Tuesday to drop a lawsuit over Pueblo County's authority to require a permit for the pipeline, planned to carry water from Pueblo Reservoir to Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs Utilities sued in November 2005. The county issued the permit in April after the city-owned utility agreed to spend \$50 million improving Fountain Creek, \$75 million upgrading wastewater or water-reuse systems and \$6 million dredging a creek in Pueblo.

The \$1.4 billion pipeline is expected to deliver 10 million gallons a day from Pueblo Reservoir starting in 2016 and will eventually ship 78 million gallons a day to a new reservoir southeast of Colorado Springs.