



## Noted: State joins SDS appeal

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Colorado Springs Utilities isn't alone in thinking Pueblo County District Judge Victor Reyes made a mistake.

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission has voted unanimously to stand with Utilities in opposing Reyes' decision to overturn the state's 401 water quality certification for the Southern Delivery System. Reyes had ruled the state commission didn't adequately account for Fountain Creek pollution caused by the SDS pipeline, which will increase Colorado Springs' water supply by a third by 2016 by delivering water from Lake Pueblo. After certification in 2010, the Rocky Mountain Environmental Labor Coalition and Pueblo County District Attorney Bill Thiebaut sought judicial review, resulting in Reyes' ruling.

State Commissioner John Klomp, a former Pueblo County commissioner, made the motion to appeal the ruling, noting that sufficient controls are in place and that Colorado Springs complies with the rules, the *Pueblo Chieftain* reports. Utilities spokesperson Janet Rummel says SDS construction continues. — *PZ*