

SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM

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Phase I Components

- Connection to Pueblo Dam
- Raw and finished water pipeline
- 1 water treatment plant
- 3 water pump stations

Communities Served

- Colorado Springs
- Pueblo West
- Fountain
- Security



SDS REVIEWED BY FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES

The Southern Delivery System (SDS) is one of the biggest water projects in Colorado in many years – and one of the most thoroughly reviewed. Three federal agencies, three state agencies and local officials in three counties reviewed and approved the project. SDS has its roots in Colorado Springs' 1996 Water Resource Plan, which identified a major new raw-water delivery system as one of four components for meeting the city's continuing need for water. The 1996 plan completed a public process that began in 1989. Colorado Springs Utilities studied dozens of alternatives for the water-delivery system called for in the 1996 plan. After extensive review, Utilities determined that a pipeline from Pueblo Dam using water rights already owned by Colorado Springs best met the city's criteria for a system that is environmentally responsible and cost-effective.

A SUMMARY OF MAJOR REGULATORY REVIEWS AND APPROVALS FOR SDS:

National Environmental Policy Act Review Meaningful, The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 5½-year review under the National Environmental Policy Act included a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Information Report, Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision that outlines requirements for avoiding or mitigating environmental impacts.

Regional Cooperation Meaningful, long-term solutions for Fountain Creek will come from regional cooperation throughout the entire watershed. Colorado Springs Utilities has made it a priority to participate in these regional efforts and in many cases, has provided leadership, expertise and funding. Following is a brief recap of the cooperative efforts for improving Fountain Creek:

404 Permit The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved a 404 Permit required for the SDS Project.

Pueblo County 1041 Permit After extensive review by its staff, the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners approved a historic 1041 land-use permit that will mitigate the impacts of SDS construction and operation and provide protection to Fountain Creek, Pueblo Reservoir, landowners and the residents of Pueblo County.

Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan The Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado Wildlife Commission approved a Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan developed in partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The plan includes the possibility of angling and wildlife recreation opportunities at future reservoir sites to be built during Phase II of SDS.

El Paso County Location Permits The El Paso County Planning Commission approved a series of location permits for various components of SDS within El Paso County.

Clean Water Act The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, reviewed and issued a 401 certification for SDS.

Fremont County Special Review Use Permit The Fremont County Commissioners approved a Special Review Use Permit for an alternative route for the SDS pipeline through Fremont County.

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