

**SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM | eNews**  
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**Fremont County Voices of Support for SDS:** “We’re pleased so many individuals and organizations in Fremont County communities have voiced such strong support for the Highway 115 Alternative for the Southern Delivery System (SDS),” said SDS Project Director John Fredell. The Highway 115 Alternative for the project originates in Fremont County.

“SDS will be a win-win for the local communities in which construction activity occurs,” Fredell says. “Of the \$185 million in construction in Fremont County, it is estimated that, \$60 million would be spent on construction labor alone.”

SDS project participants are proceeding with commitments to mitigation that will avoid or address impacts from the project. Permit conditions are being developed with Fremont County to ensure the project can be built in accordance with their land use criteria.

Following are excerpts from Fremont County support letters printed with the permission of the authors:

“The construction of the Southern Delivery System (SDS) pipeline and related facilities (pump stations) would provide a significant number of jobs and revenue for our county... Fremont Economic Development Corporation recognizes the benefits that the SDS project will bring to the county and support approval of the Special Review Use Permit...” – Mike Bandera, Chairman, Fremont Economic Development Corporation

“The Florence Council, through a number of meetings with CSU representatives and the Fremont County Commissioners, has had the opportunity to spend a considerable amount of time learning about and reviewing plans for the proposed Southern Delivery System (SDS) pipeline in Fremont County... Because the City of Florence also owns and operates a water utility, we understand that utilities have the right and even obligation to develop their water rights to serve their communities. That is exactly what the SDS project participants are attempting to do. They have the constitutional right to develop their water, as does any water utility... The City of Florence believes there will be significant benefits accruing to both our city and county residents if SDS is built through Fremont County... For these reasons, the City Council of Florence strongly encourages you to approve the land use permit for the SDS project...” – Bart Hall, Mayor of Florence

“As Mayor of the City of Canon City, I care very much about the future of the Fremont County community. That is why I, and fellow members of City Council, respectfully request that as you are reviewing the land use review permit for the Southern Delivery System, you ensure that any county-wide issues are addressed by the City of Colorado Springs... With those measures in place, the City believes SDS could be positive for our community and would encourage you to approve this permit.” – Frank Jaquez, Mayor of Canon City

“This project offers tremendous financial opportunity for our county, local businesses, and the local economy. The current estimated construction costs for SDS exceed \$600 million for Phase I alone, all which will directly benefit our local economy. The construction of the pipeline and three pump stations will require local tradesman, subcontractors, and suppliers for work that will include pipeline installation, excavation and earth moving, concrete supply and placement, electrical, mechanical and paving. The money spent on goods and services for the project and the people working on it will bring more dollars into our local economy, which will benefit local

restaurants, hotels and gas stations...We are not in a position to be turning down a project that will generate \$600M in regional construction...”– Norbie Larsen, President High Country Pipeline

Additionally, entities that previously had expressed concerns about the project, including Holcim Cement and the Arkansas River Outfitters Association, have since changed their position on the project and no longer oppose the Highway 115 Alternative. Both made statements at the last Board of County Commissioners hearing on Feb. 11.

The Fremont County Board of County Commissioners will discuss SDS at their next hearing date on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Fremont County Administrative Building.

To view the letters or for more information on the Southern Delivery System, visit [www.sdswater.org](http://www.sdswater.org).

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