

**SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM | eNews**  
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**Public Hearing Held on Pueblo County Conditions:** Colorado Springs residents had the opportunity to share their input about the terms and conditions associated with the Pueblo County 1041 land use permit for the Southern Delivery System. Among the 11 who spoke at the hearing, eight spoke in favor of the project. Additionally three written comments were submitted to Council during the public comment period which closed yesterday, all in favor of the project.

The terms and conditions outline mitigation measures required for SDS project participants if the Preferred Alternative is built through Pueblo County. The Preferred Alternative involves a pipeline connection to Pueblo Reservoir. Prior to the public comment session, Colorado Springs Utilities staff presented an overview of the conditions and the project partners from the city of Fountain, Security and Pueblo West explained why SDS is important to their communities and urged council's support of the conditions. Council's recognition of the conditions preserves Colorado Springs ability to build its Preferred Alternative.

Both Colorado Springs Utilities CEO Jerry Forte and Alan Hamel, Executive Director of the Pueblo Board of Water Works, spoke to the advantages of drawing water from Pueblo Reservoir. Hamel described the benefits Pueblo has seen since connecting to Pueblo Dam in 1992. He described superior water quality, better operational costs and efficiencies in the system and protection of the system as the main advantages.

The Preferred Alternative "is by far the most effective project and is less expensive to build, operate and maintain in the future," said Forte.

Mayor Lionel Rivera and several of the public commenters noted the historic significance of an agreement between Colorado Springs and Pueblo. "We need to be a good neighbor to Pueblo. I believe the conditions outlined by the Pueblo County Commissioners ensure that," said Dave Csintyan, Chief Executive Officer Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce.

In general, the conditions stipulate mitigation of construction impacts, mitigation to Fountain Creek and continued funding for Colorado Springs wastewater system.

"Many of the conditions also directly benefit our community," Csintyan said. "The improvements that will be made at Clear Spring Ranch and other areas along Fountain Creek will make the creek an amenity for residents and another tourism draw for Colorado Springs and the region. The Upper Williams Creek Reservoir will be larger than Cherry Creek Reservoir in Denver and 11 times the size of Prospect Lake in our Memorial Park. It will offer tremendous recreational opportunities."

Scott Bryan, chairman of the Colorado Springs Economic Development Council and President and CEO of Bryan Construction spoke to the economic benefits of the build a project the size of SDS. "Estimates show that El Paso County could see investments of \$433 million in the materials and labor to build the project. And that is in the first phase of construction alone." He noted that \$600 million in construction anticipated to be spent in the first phase of SDS greatly surpasses the \$403 million the state of Colorado is anticipated to receive through the federal stimulus package.

El Paso County Commissioner Sally Clark applauded the formation of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District. If the project were to run through Pueblo, the

District would manage the \$50 million designated for mitigation on Fountain Creek. The District would be comprised of representatives from El Paso and Pueblo Counties, including the cities of Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

Mayor Rivera asked staff to address questions and concerns raised during the hearing and to provide City Council their recommendation on approval of the terms and conditions at the Council meeting scheduled Tuesday, April 14 at 1 p.m.

Questions and concerns were raised related to the Arkansas River flow programs, cost of the conditions and the impact to our ratepayers. Staff is preparing a response to these comments which will be posted on the SDS web site and submitted to Council early next week.

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