



Southern Delivery System

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SDS Components

- 53-mile buried pipeline
- 1 water treatment plant
- 3 water pump stations
- 2 reservoirs

Economic Impacts of the Southern Delivery System Project

The Southern Delivery System (SDS) will infuse capital and bring jobs to southern Colorado during construction. The project's overall cost is estimated at \$1.09 billion.

The project will have a significant impact on employment and spending in El Paso County and the region.

The first phase of construction is currently scheduled to last about three years. Under the Preferred Alternative - a pipeline starting at Pueblo Reservoir - El Paso County would see an investment of \$443 million in the materials and labor to install 35 miles of underground pipe, to build a water treatment plant and two raw water pump stations, and to construct other infrastructure. Of that, \$133 million is expected to be spent on labor costs. In addition, Pueblo County would see an investment of \$179 million in construction costs, of which \$58 million is expected to be spent on labor.

Construction of SDS will involve the hiring of hundreds of construction workers. Between 50 to 75 percent of these workers are expected to come from the local region. These workers will spend money in local stores, restaurants, gas stations and motels, multiplying the project's economic impact.

Following is a breakdown of the estimated economic impacts:

Preferred Alternative Economic Benefits			
	El Paso County	Pueblo County	Total
Construction costs	\$443 million	\$179 million	\$622 million
Portion spent on labor	\$133 million	\$58 million	\$186 million
Daily employment			670 workers
Peak employment			850 workers