

**SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM | eNews**  
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**PUEBLO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERS SDS:** The Pueblo County Board of Commissioners began hearings Tuesday night on our 1041 land-use permit application for the [Southern Delivery System](#) (SDS).

Representatives from all the project partners – Colorado Springs, Fountain, Security and Pueblo West – were in attendance, including Mayor Rivera and Vice Mayor Small on behalf of the Colorado Springs City Council.

Mayor Rivera offered introductory remarks on the regional benefits of SDS to both communities. Then, Springs Utilities CEO Jerry Forte emphasized our commitments to Pueblo County. We will:

- Build SDS in an environmentally responsible manner
- Mitigate SDS impacts
- Use water rights we own
- Ensure that Pueblo County won't pay for SDS
- Continue doing our part to improve Fountain Creek

SDS project staff and engineers with CH2M Hill spent about two hours on a thorough presentation covering:

- the need for the project
- key project components
- anticipated impacts
- mitigation to minimize impacts
- benefits of the project to Pueblo County

You can view our [presentation](#) on the SDS project web site: [www.sdswater.org](http://www.sdswater.org).

Representatives from consulting firm Banks and Gesso, hired by the County to review the 1041 application, presented a detailed review of the application, key findings and recommendations.

The Banks and Gesso report commended our efforts in providing a thorough record for the 1041 application process in addition to the extensive NEPA studies on the project. While they can't recommend approval at this time, the consultant advised that staff continue to work with us on "specific and concrete mitigation plans."

The findings identified the following key areas of mitigation:

- Infrastructure and pipeline construction: roadway rehabilitation
- Environmental: Fountain Creek and re-establishment of vegetation
- Operational: Pueblo Flow Management Program and dam operations
- Socio-economic: Job creation, land acquisition and property owner compensation

"The Pueblo County staff has been very professional and timely in their review of our application," said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. "We look forward to continued collaborative discussions with Pueblo County and working with them to develop specific mitigation for the project."

Even with mitigation requirements, our proposed action, a pipeline from Pueblo Dam, remains the most cost-effective option to deliver water to the project partners.

Fredell added, "We're committed to mitigating impacts of SDS. It has always been our commitment to build SDS in environmentally responsible manner."

Public comments on the SDS 1041 permit application will be heard on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., in the Jackson Conference Room of the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave.

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