

**Fremont County Approves SDS Land Use Permit:** The Fremont County Board of County Commissioners voted 3-0 today to approve the Special Review Use Permit for the Southern Delivery System (SDS) project in Fremont County.

“We are very pleased with the Commissioners’ decision today and are appreciative of the professionalism we have encountered by them and their staff,” said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. “The unanimous vote from the County Commissioners and the letters of support submitted by companies, individuals and government entities in Fremont County demonstrates that this community understands the benefit a project like SDS could have for their community. It underscores that SDS can be a win-win.”

The permit for the SDS Highway 115 Alternative was approved with conditions recently developed with Fremont County, as well as additional conditions discussed and agreed to at the hearing today. One of the conditions would ensure the Penrose Water District would be allowed to share the construction corridor for SDS for their own planned water pipeline if the entity opts not to partner on the SDS project. At the hearing, Fredell proposed a 90-day timeframe that outlines a process to work out the details for agreements with Penrose Water District and Beaver Park Water by June 1.

The Commissioners concurred with the added time for discussions and encouraged both sides to continue negotiating in good faith, while also noting that the water agreements are outside the scope of the permit approved by the County. Fredell noted that there are cost savings of up to \$2 million to Penrose Water for using the SDS pipeline to transport their water versus building their own pipeline. The SDS project participants and the two local water providers will continue to develop cost estimates for Penrose and Beaver Park to partner on the project.

**Pueblo County Delays Hearing:** Pueblo County issued a continuance today delaying the hearing scheduled for February 25 to March 18. A press release from Pueblo County indicated the continuance is intended to provide staff additional time to finalize a proposed set of terms and conditions designed to mitigate impacts if the proposed project is to be approved. The March 18 hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers of the Pueblo County Courthouse.

For more information on the Southern Delivery System, visit [www.sdswater.org](http://www.sdswater.org).

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