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Springs Utilities advancing plans for Preferred Alternative: Colorado Spring Utilities is conducting an analysis to update the plan for how to implement its Preferred Alternative, a pipeline originating at Pueblo Dam, for the [Southern Delivery System](#) (SDS) project. The updated plan will outline the most technically and fiscally responsible way to construct the next major component of its water delivery system.

“The [Preferred Alternative](#) remains the best option for SDS,” said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. “While we have two viable options, we must be prudent stewards of our ratepayers’ money, and our analysis has shown that the alternative from Pueblo Reservoir remains the most advantageous and cost-effective route for SDS.”

Construction costs for the Pueblo County option are estimated to be at least \$190 million less than the Highway 115 Alternative through Fremont County. The Preferred Alternative was also deemed by the Bureau of Reclamation as having the lowest energy use requirements of all the options studied, as well as fewer environmental and cultural impacts.

In addition, a connection to Pueblo Reservoir is operationally superior to a river intake. The Preferred Alternative would leverage investments of more than \$65 million that El Paso County property owners have made in Fryingpan-Arkansas Project facilities, including Pueblo Reservoir.

“We will continue working with officials and water providers in Fremont County and plan to preserve the option to build the Highway 115 Alternative until construction on the Preferred Alternative is underway,” Fredell added.

An updated project delivery plan for the Preferred Alternative will be presented to the Colorado Springs Utilities Board on July 22. The presentation will cover key factors that impact how and when the project is implemented, including refined cost information, permitting window, need for additional capacity and system reliability, contracting approaches, construction schedule and financing.

Concurrently, project staff is moving forward with other required local, state and federal permits, as well as advancing land acquisition activities.

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