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City Gov SDS helps Habitat for Humanity

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Houses purchased in Pueblo West by [Colorado Springs Utilities](#) to make way for the [Southern Delivery System](#) pipeline will live on, in a way: [Pueblo Habitat for Humanity](#) will use materials salvaged from them to build new homes, the city says in a press release issued today.



SDS is a regional project that will deliver water to Colorado Springs, Fountain, Security and Pueblo West through an underground pipeline originating at Pueblo Dam. Construction of the portion of the SDS pipeline through Pueblo West is scheduled to begin in 2011.

Six houses in Pueblo West were acquired by the city because of their proximity to the right-of-way for the pipeline.

“We are very appreciative of how cooperative these property owners have been in the land acquisition process. They have all been great to work with. And now it is even more gratifying to see the materials from these homes reused for such a positive purpose,” **John Fredell**, SDS Project Director, says in the release. “Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful organization and we view this as a great way to give back to the community.”

Pueblo Habitat for Humanity staff and volunteers experienced in salvage work will remove usable items as each house is vacated. It takes about two weeks to prepare and set up each house and another week to perform the work. Items that Habitat can salvage include appliances, doors, garage doors, cabinets, light fixtures, sinks, toilets, blinds, curtains, hardware from doors and cabinets. The first priority for the salvaged material will be use in future Habitat homes in Pueblo County. If that isn’t possible, the material will go to Habitat’s store to be sold.

“Often, materials from homes purchased for municipal construction projects end up in a landfill. We were pleased Colorado Springs Utilities was willing to donate these items for reuse. This helps us by not having to purchase new materials, which reduces the cost of the homes for customers,” **Leonard Andrews**, Pueblo Habitat Board of Directors president, says in the release.

A news conference will be staged at 10 a.m. Monday at 1078 E. Marengo Drive, Pueblo West, where Utilities CEO **Jerry Forte**, Springs Vice Mayor **Larry Small**, Andrews and homeowners will discuss the contribution.