



Southern Delivery System

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SDS Components

- 62 miles of buried pipeline
- 1 water treatment plant
- 3 water pump stations
- 2 reservoirs

Communities Served:

- Colorado Springs
- Fountain
- Security
- Pueblo West

Construction Cost

- Phase 1
\$880 million (2009 dollars)

Construction Schedule

- **2010**
 - Begin Pueblo Dam connection
 - Begin finished-water pipeline construction
- **2011**
 - Begin Pueblo West pipeline construction
- **2012**
 - Begin remaining pipeline, pump stations, water treatment plant
- **2016**
 - Water delivery from SDS begins

Southern Delivery System: Our Future Depends On It

The Southern Delivery System (SDS) is a regional water delivery system that will provide a cost effective, environmentally responsible and dependable way to deliver water we need for our future. After studying hundreds of possible project options from Leadville to Lamar and after extensive public input, a pipeline originating from Pueblo Dam emerged as the best solution. It uses water rights Colorado Springs owns on the Arkansas River and maximizes the \$65 million-plus investment Colorado Springs and El Paso County residents have made in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, including Pueblo Reservoir. A pipeline from Pueblo Dam also is the most economical option of the hundreds of possible combinations considered because it will require the lowest cost to build, operate and maintain in the future.

Security, Fountain and Pueblo West will also use SDS to transport their water.

After its own extensive review of the SDS project, the Bureau of Reclamation also identified a pipeline from Pueblo Dam as its preferred alternative in its Environmental Impact Statement on the project. The Bureau of Reclamation issued a Record of Decision, completing its review of the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), on March 20, 2009 – a major milestone for the project. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers and other cooperating agencies also have identified a pipeline from Pueblo Dam as their preferred alternative for SDS.

Why SDS Is Important

We need the Southern Delivery System to provide water for our future. The project is critical to maintaining our economy and our quality of life. Here are some reasons SDS is so important to our community:

Water for the Future – SDS is a cost-effective, dependable and environmentally responsible way to meet our future water needs. With or without SDS, Colorado Springs and surrounding communities will continue to grow. Half of that growth will come from the children and grandchildren of those of us living here now. Military expansion at Fort Carson also accounts for a large portion of the growth we expect.

Reliability – SDS will ensure uninterrupted water for our homes and businesses. Our water system is aging. Having another pipeline will help ensure we have enough water when existing pipelines need maintenance or repair.

Drought Protection – Additional local water storage provided by SDS will help protect our community against future drought. That's an important consideration for a drought-prone semi-arid region.