

## 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

### 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 begins

## SDS Reviewed by Federal, State & Local Agencies

The Southern Delivery System (SDS) is one of the biggest water projects in Colorado in many years – and one of the most thoroughly reviewed. Three federal agencies, three state agencies and local officials in three counties reviewed and approved the project.

SDS has its roots in Colorado Springs' 1996 Water Resource Plan, which identified a major new raw-water delivery system as one of four components for meeting the city's continuing need for water. The 1996 plan completed a public process that began in 1989.

Colorado Springs Utilities studied dozens of alternatives for the water-delivery system called for in the 1996 plan. After extensive review, Utilities determined that a pipeline from Pueblo Dam using water rights already owned by Colorado Springs best met the city's criteria for a system that is environmentally responsible and cost-effective.

A summary of major regulatory reviews and approvals for SDS:

### National Environmental Policy Act Review

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 5½-year review under the National Environmental Policy Act included a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Supplemental Information Report, Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision that outlines requirements for avoiding or mitigating environmental impacts.

### 404 Permit

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved a 404 Permit required for the SDS Project.

### Pueblo County 1041 Permit

After extensive review by its staff, the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners approved a historic 1041 land-use permit that will mitigate the impacts of SDS construction and operation and provide protection to Fountain Creek, Pueblo Reservoir, landowners and the residents of Pueblo County.

### Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan

The Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado Wildlife Commission approved a Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan developed in partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The plan includes the possibility of angling and wildlife recreation opportunities at future reservoir sites to be built during Phase II of SDS.

### Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District Approval

The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District voted unanimously to support SDS components that fall within the Fountain Creek Corridor and recommended approval to the El Paso County Planning Commission for SDS facilities in El Paso County outside the Corridor, but within the Fountain Creek watershed.

### El Paso County Location Permits

The El Paso County Planning Commission approved a series of location permits for various components of SDS within El Paso County.

### Clean Water Act

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, reviewed and issued a 401 certification for SDS.

### Fremont County Special Review Use Permit

The Fremont County Commissioners approved a Special Review Use Permit for an alternative route for the SDS pipeline through Fremont County.