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## **News Release**

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### **Colorado Springs submits SDS 1041 application to Pueblo County**

Colorado Springs Utilities submitted a Pueblo County 1041-land use permit application for the Southern Delivery System (SDS) project on Wednesday, Aug. 20. Colorado Springs' preferred alignment for SDS is a 43-mile pipeline originating at Pueblo Dam – the most direct and cost-effective route.

"This is a major step forward for the project," said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. "A lot of resources went into putting together a comprehensive and thorough application."

Five copies of the application, filling 10 boxes, were delivered to Pueblo County offices on Wednesday morning, along with an initial deposit of \$50,000 to cover any application review costs.

"We want to move forward in good faith," Fredell stated. "It's always been our intent to work collaboratively with our neighboring communities on this project."

He noted that there are a lot of regional benefits possible with the project, including a partnership with Pueblo West to tap into the SDS from Pueblo Dam, potentially saving their water customers money.

Colorado Springs' second choice for SDS, the Hwy 115 alternative, is a pipeline through Fremont County with an intake on the Arkansas River in Florence. Fredell said he expects to submit a Special Review Use permit application to Fremont County in two to three weeks.

Springs Utilities is working to obtain all the required permits for the project prior to the Bureau of Reclamation issuing its Record of Decision on the project's Environmental Impact Statement, anticipated in early 2009.

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