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## **Colorado Springs Utilities welcomes SDS public comment extension**

Colorado Springs Utilities supports the Bureau of Reclamation's decision to extend the public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Delivery System. Reclamation announced on Monday that it has extended the public comment period on the Draft EIS for the Southern Delivery System by 45 days, to June 13.

Springs Utilities has welcomed a robust public comment process since the SDS entered the environmental review phase in 2003.

"The Southern Delivery System is extremely important to the future of Colorado Springs, and the public has shown a great deal of interest in the project," says John Fredell, SDS project director. "We hope the public will take advantage of the extra time frame to submit their comments and show their support."

In welcoming the extension, Fredell notes that Springs Utilities also supported the early release of the technical background documents that Reclamation issued in advance of its Feb. 29 release of the Draft EIS.

"The Southern Delivery System pipeline will provide water that is absolutely essential to the future of Colorado Springs," Fredell says. "We encourage the public to study what we've proposed. The SDS is a cost effective, environmentally responsible and dependable way to deliver water we need for our future. We need the SDS. Our future depends on it."

Written comments on the DEIS must be sent directly to Reclamation's Eastern Colorado Area Office at the following address:

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