

## **SDS FINAL CONTRACT OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**This is in response to an Email invitation to offer public input to the FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) FOR THE SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM.**

**I have been a resident of Pueblo since 1997. I was born and raised in Lamar Colorado (1939-1962).**

**Thanks to the excellent reporting of the Pueblo Chieftain I have kept abreast of the water issues. This reporting has helped me to understand some of the issues surrounding this important, critical issue of water for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.**

**I remember clearly the dust storms and the impact that drought had on those who lived in, and through those depressing storms. I also remember the cities to the north of the drought-prone areas where they were blessed with more rain and did not suffer to the extent of the Arkansas Valley.**

**Since moving back to Colorado, specifically Pueblo, I have seen the rapid unmanaged growth of Colorado Springs and their continued desire to expand at the expense of who or what gets in their way.**

**This attitude is clearly evident in their handling of storm water and the Fountain Creek. In my opinion the leadership of Colorado Springs has given lip service and indifference to their commitment to provide funding and support to correct problems of storm water run off. Instead, they blame their citizens for rejecting Storm Water funding. And why? Because the Colorado Springs leadership did nothing to educate the people as to their rightful responsibility and they continue to follow that tactic.**

**It is my opinion that Colorado Springs leadership will follow the same path of denying their responsibility regarding any commitment they make. Their Storm Water problems cannot be passed on to all the communities down stream. It's their problem and they should be held accountable, if they don't accept that responsibility there should be major, enforceable penalties for their irresponsibility.**

All the communities down stream of Colorado Springs also have to deal with Storm Water issues. They should not be expected to also have to deal with Colorado Spring's problems. After all, Colorado Springs is part of El Paso County, which has just earned the title of the largest county in Colorado, all the more reason they should be held accountable. I think they should be forced to set aside 40 to 50 million dollars as a retainer, controlled by the Bureau of Reclamation, and the money should be used for the sole purpose of developing and implementing concrete programs designed to correct storm water issues. While this may seem extreme, I believe their arrogance and attitude warrant such action. How else will we have assurance they will keep their word?

Furthermore, since Colorado Spring has shown a reluctance to effectively deal with "Storm Water" what makes one believe they will be any more responsible for all the issues set forth on page 9 entitled "Environmental Compliance and Commitments"? It goes with out saying responsibility and enforceability is the issues.

It may seem that my recommendations are extreme, and they are because I believe it is going to take something very extreme to get Colorado Springs attention. Further more, Colorado Springs is in the process of electing a new Mayor and it has been my experience that when some new takes over the promises made by others are easily passed off by comments such as, "I don't know, I wasn't part of those discussions.

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