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Southern Delivery System Public Open House #2 in Fountain

Buena Vista, CO: The Bureau of Reclamation will host its second public open house in a series of five as part of the public scoping process for the Southern Delivery System – a proposed water delivery pipeline that would run from Pueblo Reservoir to Colorado Springs. The open house will be on Thursday, September 25, from 6-9 p.m.

The Southern Delivery System would provide additional water supplies to Colorado Springs, Fountain and Security by tapping into existing delivery sources and establishing new conveyance contracts with Reclamation for moving water through the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project and Pueblo Reservoir.

In concurrence with the National Environmental Policy Act, Reclamation is hosting five public open houses and opening a public comment period on the proposed pipeline. The public comment period begins on September 24 and will remain open until November 14, 2003.

The second open house will be in Fountain, Colorado at the Fountain-Fort Carson High School. The first is scheduled for September 24th in Buena Vista, Colorado.

The three remaining open houses are as follows:

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Thursday, October 10, 2003

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

La Junta, Koshare Indian Museum

Pueblo, USC Occhiato Center

Colorado Springs City Auditorium

The purpose of the open houses is to provide information on the project and to collect feedback from the public. Reclamation encourages public participation and comment on the alternatives and issues associated with the Southern Delivery System.

For more information on the Southern Delivery System, please contact Steve Berry, Colorado Springs Utilities, at (719) 668-3803. For more information on the public open houses and public comment period, please contact Kara Lamb, Bureau of Reclamation's Eastern Colorado office, at either (970) 962-4326 or klamb@gp.usbr.gov.
