

5 between different charts at times, trying to  
6 understand what one chart was saying referencing  
7 to the other chart.

8 Two, they didn't cover the alternative  
9 of the Ray Petros plan or the alternative of a  
10 dam on Fountain Creek. They did not evaluate  
11 that. And it should have been evaluated,  
12 because it would have impacts on many of their  
13 charts they put up. Maybe negative, positive,  
14 I'm not making a judgment it's the right  
15 decision or not. But they should have evaluated  
16 it because it, ultimately, is going to be needed  
17 to do the recycling water.

18 This plan is good for 2040. That is  
19 what they project. They do not have a plan, or  
20 they should be addressing, and that is 2100 and  
21 2200, when the area has grown very dramatically.  
22 There will have to be water recycling. And this  
23 does not cover it, this is standard taking the  
24 water from the mountains and using it and  
25 sending it down the Arkansas.

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1 ORAL STATEMENT OF RANDY THURSTON

2 MR. THURSTON: My preferred option is  
3 Option Number 2, which is the preferred option  
4 currently presented by the Federal Bureau of  
5 Reclamation.

6 Due to the benefits that the City of  
7 Pueblo receives with the IGA with Colorado  
8 Springs, we are receiving flows that we wouldn't

9 receive otherwise. We have an agreement that  
10 stops Aurora from taking water out of the basin,  
11 which would not exist if we didn't have that  
12 alternative.

13 And we have the higher quality of water  
14 coming into the reservoir that wouldn't exist if  
15 alternative 1 or 7 took place with the 115  
16 option. 115 option would be very damaging to  
17 Pueblo.

18 And my thoughts and understanding is,  
19 if we try to have any other alternative other  
20 than the one that is preferred currently with  
21 Pueblo and Colorado Springs, that the IGA, that  
22 we would have a very strong potential of forcing  
23 the no-action, or the alternative 7, and that  
24 would be extremely damaging for the City of  
25 Pueblo. We would lose our flows; we would lose

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1 our ability to keep water out of the basin; and  
2 we would lose water levels in the reservoir, as  
3 that water would be diverted to another  
4 reservoir up in the Springs area.

5 (End of Pueblo statements.)

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