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1 ORAL STATEMENT OF WILLIE OLSEN

2 MR. OLSEN: I live in La Junta,
3 Colorado, north of the river. In 1999 we had a
4 bad flood, and the direct cause of that flood
5 was Colorado Springs not taking care of their
6 wastewater and groundwater from the streets and
7 all that.

8 Colorado Springs is a poor example of
9 anyplace that I know of for dumping on everybody
10 else down the river. They have had spills with
11 their sewage. They are just not responsible in
12 any way, shape or form. They have had spills as
13 long as I can remember, when I started getting
14 interested in this water thing.

15 In fact, it was pretty well known that

16 they were flushing their whole sewer system and
17 just dumping it into Fountain and letting it go
18 down.

19 They finally started coming down with
20 EPA and that stuff. But I remember when there
21 was some officials up in Colorado Springs that
22 were really worried about their jobs, because
23 they knew that they were on to their tactics.

24 Colorado Springs is irresponsible on
25 their stormwater from the streets. And just an

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1 example of that, they have increased their salt
2 that they put with the sand mix for the streets
3 from 6 percent, or 6 point-something percent, to
4 20 percent which, in the last year, which is
5 over a 300 percent increase in salt.

6 And they made the statement on TV, the
7 woman that was their spokesperson said that they
8 were adding that, but it didn't have any effect
9 on the quality of water.

10 I don't know what they think we are
11 down here, but they need to contain their own
12 water and reuse it. 85 percent of their water
13 is imported water, and they can use that water
14 to extinction.

15 They need to put a dam on the Fountain
16 to control floods and reuse their water from
17 their sewers and their street water with all the
18 salt and oil and everything else from car

19 exhaust to whatever.

20 And I think that it's wrong for the
21 water to be bypassed from the Pueblo dam, which
22 is authorized in 1960 through the
23 Fryingpan-Arkansas deal. And part of the reason
24 for that dam was for flood control.

25 And they are bypassing the dam, running

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1 it through their sewer, down to Fountain. And
2 all the cities down below there have to process
3 their water by the extra metals, pollution
4 that's in the water caused by Colorado Springs.

5 And there should be no alternatives
6 except the reuse of at least 85 percent to
7 extinction of the imported water. The other
8 15 percent they can pass right on down the
9 Arkansas from up where it comes from on a paper
10 tray, paper exchange, just like they've messed
11 with us with all our paper trays.

12 It's about time that they stand up and
13 get responsible. They have showed no
14 responsibility in the last 40 years that I know
15 of on their wastewater or their run-off water.

16 Growth needs to be stopped until they
17 get their water deal straightened out and quit
18 dumping on everybody below them like we were
19 nobodies, just because they got money for
20 backing.

21 They need to get rid of the biggest
22 share of Fort Carson and put it on land that

23 they already have acquired, which would lessen
24 up the usage of water until they get their water
25 system perfected without stealing water from

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1 everybody else, which they have been doing.
2 They haven't found loopholes in these deals;
3 they've made loopholes. It's the big bullies
4 with the money.

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