

1 STATEMENT OF WILLIE OLSEN

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3 SPEAKER OLSEN: I'm Willie Olsen from La
4 Junta, Colorado. And I am concerned about the
5 SDS for several reasons, mainly on account of the
6 water quality and flood control.

7 I'll read an article that will cover a lot
8 of this without going back over it.

9 "There is only one sensible solution to
10 Colorado Springs Southern Delivery System: Dams
11 and reservoirs to contain and reuse all of the
12 water in the Fountain Creek that is being dumped
13 into the Arkansas River. Colorado Springs has
14 dumped partially treated and untreated sewage
15 into Fountain since the '60s that I remember of
16 and actually flushed their sewer system into the
17 Fountain Creek until the EPA came down on them.

18 "Even then a valve was conveniently left open
19 some months ago and 13 million gallons of sewage
20 were released into the Fountain. By Colorado
21 Springs and by other cities along Fountain Creek
22 reusing the water this dumping will cease.

23 "The 85 percent of imported water that
24 Colorado Springs has can be reused to extinction.
25 The 15 percent, along with all of the runoff from

1 streets, rooftops and impervious surfaces should
2 be also contained and reused.

3 "This amount of water can be exchanged in
4 a paper trade, and imported water can be sent
5 down the Arkansas River from where imported water
6 is diverted from the Arkansas River Basin."

7 I brought up my concerns to, at one of the
8 meetings in La Junta to the gal that was with
9 water quality, and I told her Colorado Springs
10 had increased their salt and salt sand mix from
11 6 percent to 20 percent, and that was in the
12 papers. That is within one year.

13 She said, oh, they sweep that up.

14 I said, what? How do they sweep up
15 solvent melted with the ice and snow?

16 And she said, well, go tell the court
17 recorder your problems.

18 The next consultant I went to was the
19 wildlife guy. He said the fish were doing so
20 much better in Fountain Creek now than they had
21 previously. And I thought, what a joke. No use
22 talking to these people. I don't know what kind
23 of paid consultants these are, but I know they
24 know which side their bread is buttered on.

25 Not one more drop of water should come

1 down Fountain Creek than came down when the
2 Fry-Ark was signed in July, nor should water
3 quality from 1962 be decreased.

4 And Pueblo Dam was built for flood control
5 as well as other purposes. This does not allow
6 for any water to be diverted around the dam
7 through people's toilets and shoved on down the
8 Arkansas for us to have to reuse and pay for
9 reverse osmosis and that type of thing.

10 MS. HOPPE: Mr. Olsen, your time is up.

11 SPEAKER OLSEN: Okay. Thank you for
12 listening. I could go on a little more about
13 this, but my time is up. And I appreciate your
14 letting me talk.

15 I just think Colorado Springs is being
16 very selfish in this deal. And they have never
17 been responsible, and they still aren't.