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3 SPEAKER RAWLINGS: Thank you, Diane and

4 Jaci. My name is Jane Rawlings, R A W L I N G S.

5 I live in Pueblo, and I'm representing myself

6 tonight.

7 The Southern Delivery System plans keep

8 changing. Even after the Bureau of Reclamation

9 announced a new public comment period on the EIS

10 supplemental report we learned just recently that

11 Colorado Springs now proposes to build an outlet

12 on the north side of Pueblo Dam as an alternative

13 to tying into the joint use manifold south of the

14 Arkansas River. What we don't know are the

15 economic and environmental impacts that this

16 change would have.

17 Also, what would be the impacts of the SDS

18 pipeline itself running through 140 properties in

19 Pueblo County, at least one family's private home

20 in Pueblo West, as well as 20 rows and several

21 drainage ways.

22 Construction would obstruct major

23 corridors, like U.S. 50, Industrial Boulevard and

24 eventually cross under I-25 and even Fountain

25 Creek east of the highway.

1 Yes, Fountain Creek has become a focal
2 point of SDS environmental impacts downstream of
3 Colorado Springs, especially on Pueblo and the
4 Lower Arkansas Valley. That is why another route
5 ought to be considered for SDS. If the water is
6 taken from the confluence of the Arkansas and the
7 Fountain Creek, the project participants would
8 have a real stake in making sure the water
9 quality is better than it would be otherwise.
10 From the confluence the construction impacts
11 would be far fewer than taking the water directly
12 out of Pueblo Dam.

13 Fountain Creek return flows, regular
14 effluent and storm run-off are a big problem, as
15 well. A new EIS is needed for control of
16 flooding, sedimentation, erosion and general
17 deterioration of Fountain Creek.

18 And what other surprises are there? These
19 and other considerations point to one thing. Set
20 aside the pending EIS and start an entirely new
21 environmental impact statement to take all of
22 these concerns into full consideration.

23 Thank you.