

1 STATEMENT OF TOM GALLAGHER

2 Colorado Springs City Councilman at Large

3 SPEAKER GALLAGHER: I would like to thank

4 you for holding this meeting. My name is Tom

5 Gallagher. I'm Councilman At Large for the City

6 Colorado Springs, so I guess I represent the

7 minority opinion of your neighbors to the north.

8 My first concern relates to SDS uses

9 capacity that is already allocated to other

10 people. Municipal outlet works is allocated for

11 waterworks and Arkansas Valley conduit. The

12 Fountain Valley Authority already has and uses

13 its allocation, as does Pueblo West.

14 And what we have here is a population

15 conundrum, because population will increase.

16 That is just the way it is. As population

17 increases, capacity available to the SDS system

18 decreases because it's allocated to other people.

19 And Pueblo is going to grow. They are

20 going to use their space, and it's allocated to

21 them, and the municipal outlet works was

22 constructed as part of the Frying Pan-Arkansas

23 Project and specifically constructed and

24 requested for the waterworks.

25 I'm also concerned about the continuing

1 use of Pueblo Reservoir and dam without
2 modification. As Ms. Rawlings pointed out, there
3 sure is an awful lot of construction required for
4 no modifications.

5 The river outlet. That is where all the
6 water in the river, downstream folks,
7 agricultural, senior rights out east are. But we
8 are going to tie that up. We are going to modify
9 that inlet works. Problem is, right now it
10 flushes itself. You make that a sealed system,
11 it's going to settle.

12 The 1041 application identifies the need
13 to construct 115 kilovolt transmission lines and
14 a 115 kilovolt substation. SDS is the only user.
15 SDS is not feasible without it, according to the
16 1041 application yet there is no mention in the
17 supplemental EIS, or draft EIS of this project
18 need.

19 Water quality. Okay. For some reason the
20 supplemental to the EIS is, it's showing from
21 Pueblo Dam to Moffet Street increases in E-coli
22 and selenium levels. SDS doesn't affect that.
23 The flow in the river below the dam is a product
24 of the river cult. The river cult is not going
25 to change.

1 So, point source. Where is the E. coli
2 coming from? Not the sewer treatment plant.
3 That is downstream on Moffat Street.

4 My last one is Busk-Ivanhoe. How does
5 SDS develop Busk-Ivanhoe water? None of the
6 participants have an interest in that system,
7 only Aurora does. Somebody has to explain how a
8 system that develops West Slope water develops
9 West Slope water that doesn't belong to the
10 participants.

11 I'll be filing a great big addendum and
12 lengthy comments.

13 And thank you for your time.

14 MS. HOPPE: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher.

15 SPEAKER GALLAGHER: Our interest is, we
16 want water. We want a system that works for
17 everybody. This just isn't the way to go. I
18 find myself IN 95 percent agreement with
19 Ms. Rawlings.