

1 STATEMENT OF BILL ALT

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3 SPEAKER ALT: Good evening. I thank you
4 for the opportunity to speak to you this evening.

5 My name is Bill Alt, and I am representing Turkey
6 Creek Conservation District.

7 Our concern hasn't changed a bit. When
8 you put more water into that river, it has bad
9 effects on the creek. I don't call it a creek
10 where I live, I call it a river, because that is
11 what it is. There is a lot of water flowing down
12 it. And it should be dry now and it's not.

13 But having said all that, the SDS is going
14 to almost double that amount of non-native water
15 flows in there every day. For the SDS and for
16 the environmental statement to virtually ignore
17 that, I think is wrong. I think a new statement
18 should be done, and it should include the cost of
19 what that non-native water does.

20 The other term, or the other thing that I
21 want to bring up is the fact that the SDS, or,
22 I'm sorry, the Bureau of Reclamation in their
23 environmental statement virtually ignores the
24 option of reusing that water, recycling it, and
25 discard it out of hand because it was too

1 expensive for the program.

2 Well, who is going to pay the costs if
3 that non-native water flows downstream and
4 destroys property, erodes it, does bad things to
5 the water quality, increases sedimentation,
6 turbidity and all the bad things that go with
7 that? Who pays for that are the people
8 downstream.

9 So the environmental statement should
10 include a cost analysis of what that damage is
11 going to do, and then compare it against the
12 alternative that was too expensive.

13 I fully believe that if the water were
14 properly used that there would be no need for
15 SDS. If the current water Colorado Springs has
16 was simply reused, it would be a good solution
17 for everybody.

18 That is about all I have for this evening.
19 But I do hope that a new environmental statement
20 can be accomplished that does evaluate Fountain
21 Creek in a more comprehensive manner.

22 Thank you.