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Re: Southern Delivery System Draft EIS Supplemental Information Report

Dear Ms. Lamb:

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is the lead water quality planning agency for El Paso County. PPACG has reviewed the Supplemental Information Report to the Draft EIS and supports the findings. The report presents a thorough summary of the environmental effects for each of the alignment alternatives for areas within the Fountain Creek Watershed and outside of the watershed along the Arkansas River.

The Report shows that water quality impacts for each of the alternatives will range from beneficial to adverse. An analysis of E. coli and dissolved selenium which are listed on the 303d list as water quality impaired for several segments in the Fountain Creek Watershed shows that the Participant's Proposed Alternative (Alternative 2) would be the best option to reduce and/or minimize E. coli and dissolved selenium concentrations. The Project Participants alternative has also been improved by avoiding and/or minimizing the effects identified in the Draft EIS.

Evaluation of Alternative 3, 4, and 6 shows that E. coli levels will increase by up to 14 percent on segments of Fountain Creek and Monument Creek and Alternative 3, 4, and 5 will increase dissolved selenium levels by 25 percent on Fountain Creek near Fountain and 48 percent on Fountain Creek at Pueblo. This could cause an exceedance of the state water quality standard for dissolved selenium in Pueblo. It is important that the Bureau of Reclamation not move forward with alternatives that increases dissolved selenium and E. coli concentrations.

This project is vital to the region and project participants' water needs are projected to almost double between 2007 and 2046. Based on the water forecast used in the Draft EIS, the Project Participants' water demand could exceed current capacity before 2012.

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments believes there is a critical need to complete the approval process for the EIS and expedite the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Supplemental Information Report.

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