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RE: Southern Delivery System Supplemental Information Report

Dear Ms. Lamb:

Thank you for your work in preparing the Supplemental Information Report (SIR) for the Southern Delivery System. As the Colorado State Parks Board Chairman for four years, I was involved with the SDS Project from the outset, including the original planning discussions for the use of the existing conveyance facilities from Pueblo Reservoir.

Of the utmost importance is the protection of water-based recreation and the enhancement of new water-based recreational opportunities in the SDS Project Area. Of the seven alternatives, Alternative 2 provides sufficient protection and enhancement of water-based recreation while providing a low-cost, environmentally responsible solution that allows the four Project Participants to continue providing dependable water supplies for their consumers.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) concluded that Alternative 2, the Participants' Proposed Action, will have negligible effects on water-based recreation on Pueblo Reservoir, while ensuring that Pueblo Flow Management Program targets are more likely to be met under Alternative 2 than for existing conditions.

The SIR confirms that water quality in the region will not be adversely affected, which ensures water-based recreational activities can continue to be enjoyed. Furthermore, the completion of the SDS Terminal Storage reservoir will provide a major recreational asset for the El Paso County community, which is consistent with existing recreational plans and policies.

Please move forward with a course of action that will continue to protect our water-based recreation opportunities. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Project.

I look forward to seeing the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tom Ready
Pueblo, Colorado