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Hello Kara:

I would like to comment on the proposed Southern Delivery System. I am a Pueblo native and a resident of Pueblo West for 22 years. I have witnessed Pueblo and Pueblo West transform from dying communities to the next major metropolitan area of Colorado. I am proud of my home city and how beautiful and progressive it has become. I am concerned our neighbor to the north is out the harm us. I feel Colorado Springs is being unreasonable with their demand to take water from the Pueblo Reservoir and built a pipeline right through one of the fastest growing communities in Colorado (Pueblo West). I am very opposed to the road closures, home destruction, and devaluation of property. The pipeline tap might save the Pueblo West Metropolitan District some cash, but I strongly believe this project is detrimental to the Pueblo area (including Pueblo West) as a whole. The taking of Pueblo's clean water to fuel Colorado Springs' poorly planned growth is simply rewarding their poor behavior. As you are aware, El Paso County and Colorado Springs have contaminated the Fountain Creek. They have done little to rectify the issue and they have made it clear they have no intention of doing so. Forcing Colorado Springs to built the intake to the pipeline below the Fountain/Arkansas confluence would force them to clean up their pollution and improve the safety of the water for the citizens of Pueblo and all of Southeastern Colorado. This would also keep the minimul flows through Pueblo safe and keep the reservoir's water at its current level. Pueblo is also growing. Our city needs our water to grow and serve our citizens. It is a pity Colorado Springs needs more water, but they do not need Pueblo's water. Their leaders should have thought of this issue before they allowed or encouraged such growth. With the water they do have, shouldn't they be the size of Walsenburg anyway? I hope my words are taken into consideration on ths issue and I hope the fair choice for everybody (Pueblo, Pueblo West, Avondale, Boone, La Junta, Las Animas, Lamar, Rocky Ford, Colorado Springs, and Fountain) is chosen.

Thank you for your time,
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