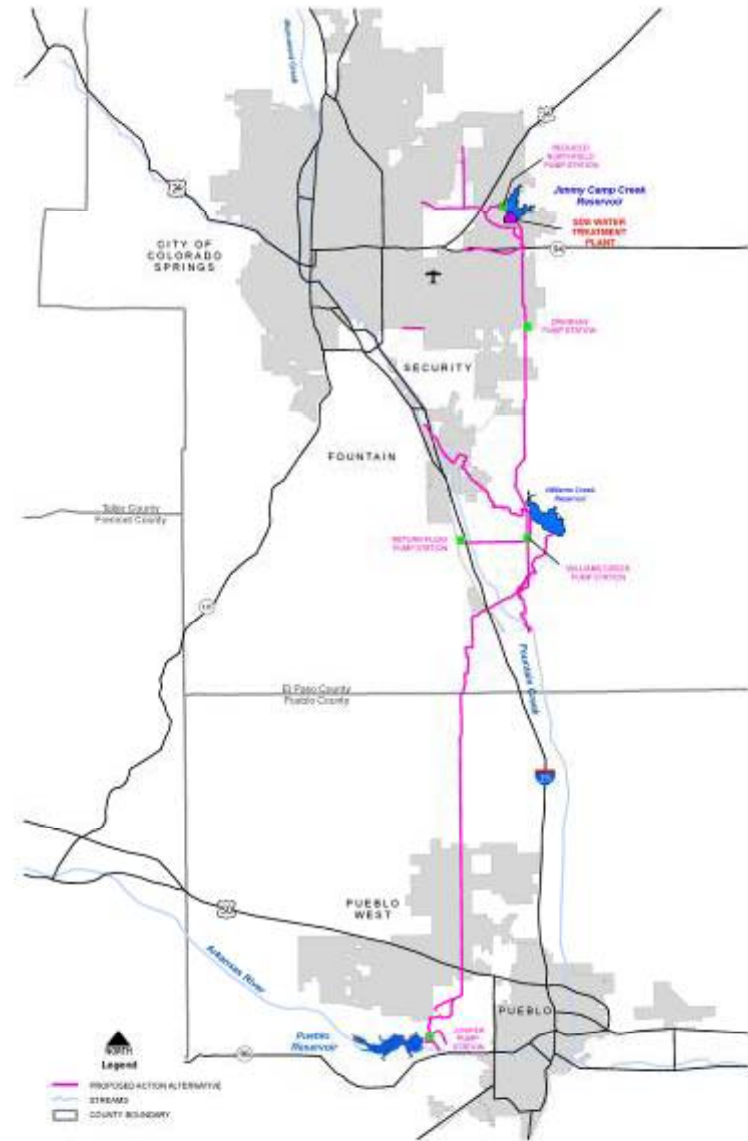


Southern Delivery System: Our Future Depends On It

Canon City Rotary Club
June 4, 2008

Anna Seder, Project Leader-Water Supply, Colorado Springs Utilities

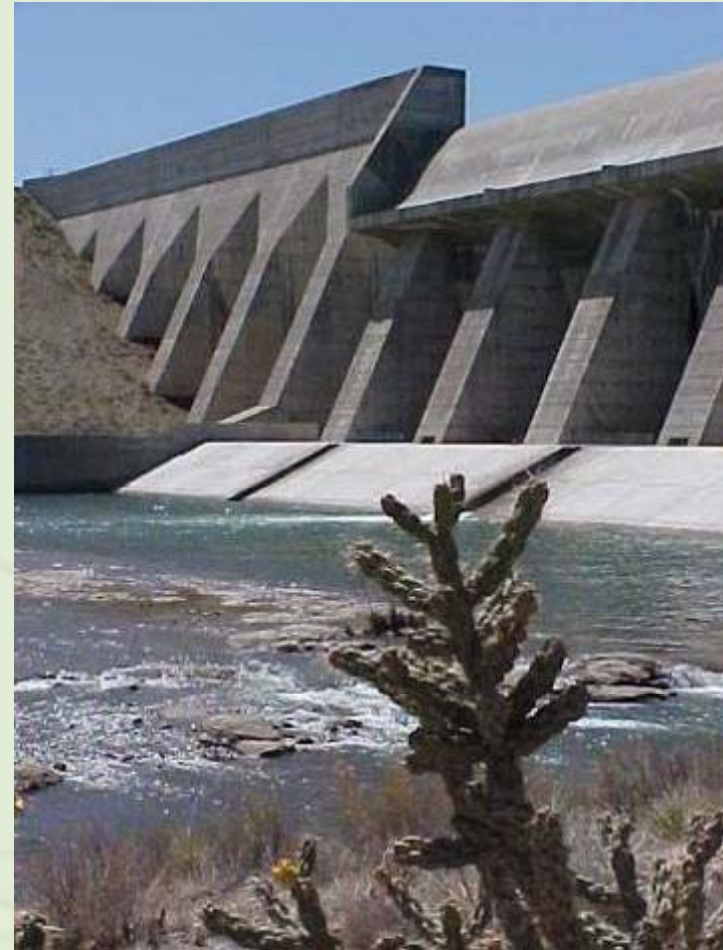
- Our Future Depends On It
 - Cost effective
 - Dependable
 - Environmentally responsible



- Our Future depends on it
 - Growing Community
 - Drought Protection
 - System Reliability



- Already own water rights
- No new trans-basin diversions
- No new main-stem dams
- Environmentally responsible
- No agricultural dry-up



- Evaluates 7 alternatives
 - Participants' Proposed Action is initial "Agency Preferred Alternative"
 - Based on:
 - 10 public scoping issues
 - Other relevant issues:
 - Energy use
 - Cost
 - All 6 Action Alternatives "reasonable"
- Available: www.sdseis.com

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Great Plains Region



U.S. Department of the Interior
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 - Closes June 13
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- Final EIS: Late 2008
- Record of Decision: Early 2009

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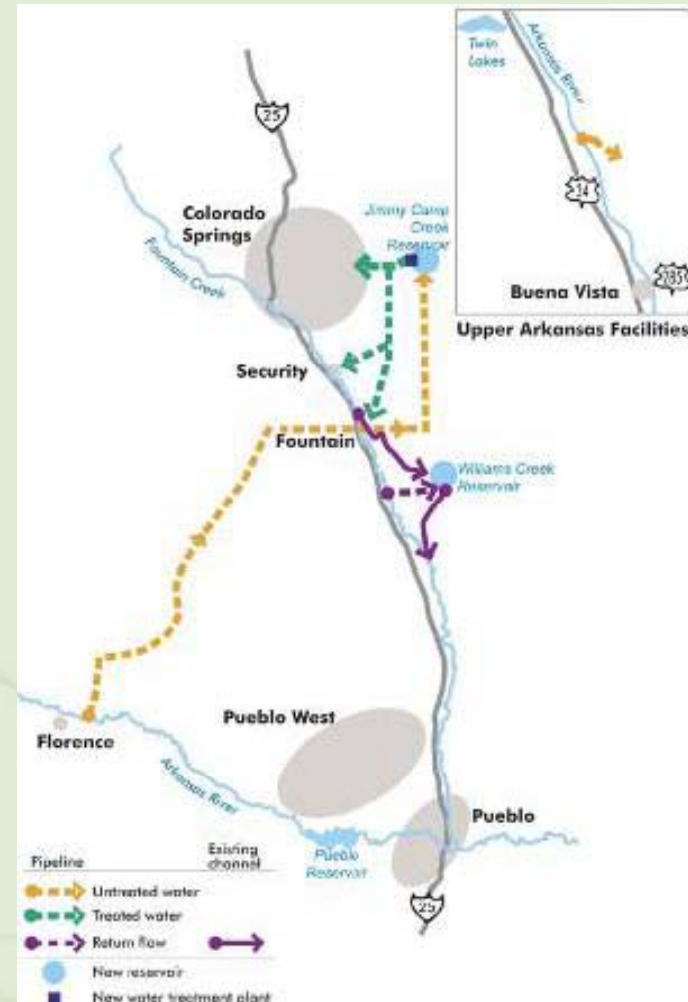
- Intergovernmental agreement
 - Well-defined permitting process
 - Reimburse county
 - \$50,000 deposit
 - Covers cost of:
 - Public hearings
 - Legal fees
 - Engineering consultants
 - Any other activities related to SDS permits



Highway 115 Alternative

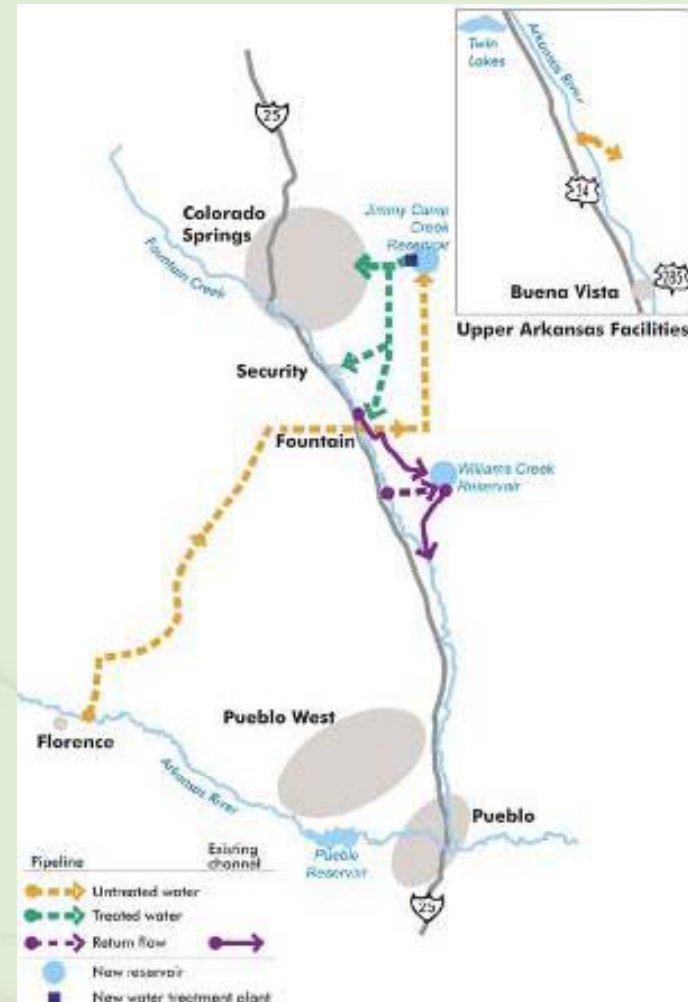
Land Restored to Same or Better Conditions

- Mitigate any impacts
- Restore any land we disturb
 - At least as good as we found it
 - In some cases may be better



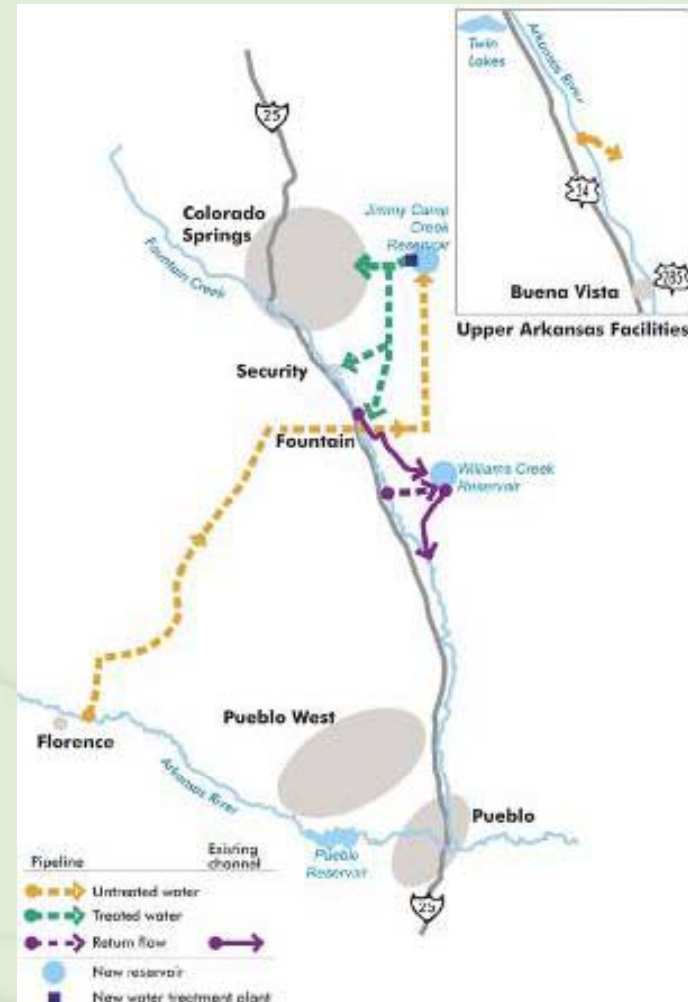
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- Have met with many landowners
- Have begun evaluating alignment, testing soil and geological conditions
- Notifying landowners in advance
- Will keep owners fully informed
- Landowners fairly compensated



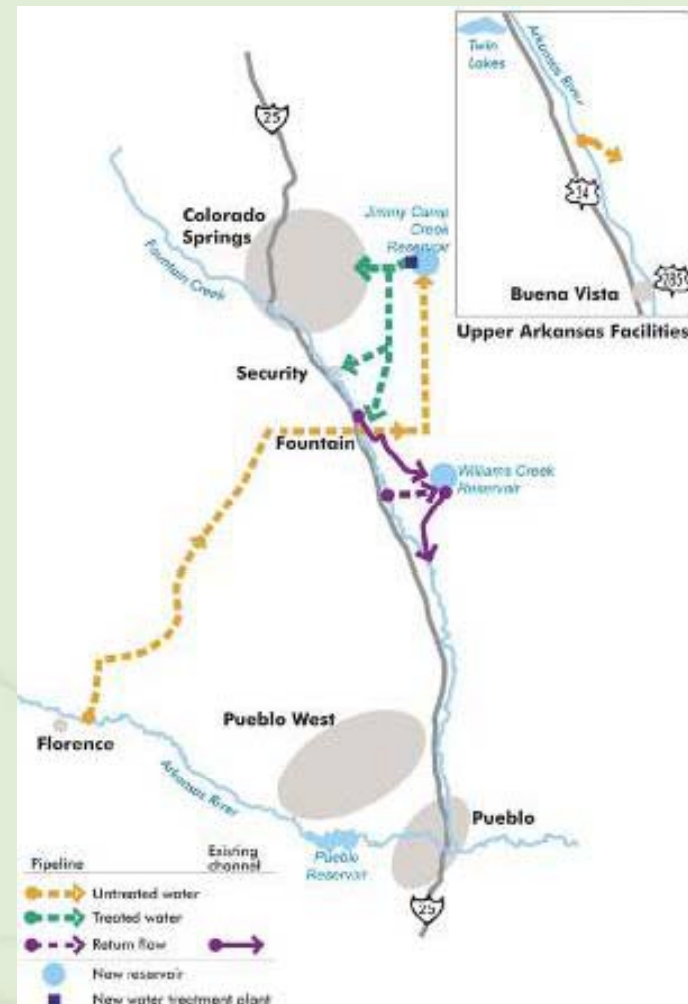
Highway 115 Alternative

- Take water downstream from Fremont County communities
 - Won't affect quality of water
 - Won't increase treatment costs
- Upper Arkansas Voluntary Flow Management Program continues
- No return flow to Arkansas River above Pueblo Reservoir



Highway 115 Alternative

- We need SDS: Future depends on it
- Recognize you shouldn't pay for it
- Will work collaboratively with you
- Will look for economic and other opportunities to partner with you



Highway 115 Alternative



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It's how we're all connected

Questions