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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 14, May 18-19, 2009 Board Meeting
Southern Delivery System (SDS)**

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Staff Recommendation

This is an *information* item and Board action is not required.

Background

Colorado Spring Utility's Southern Delivery System (SDS) is one of the major identified projects and processes (IPPs) for the Arkansas Basin. SWSI projected that the Arkansas Basin will have 80,900 acre feet of new M&I demand by 2030. SDS was projected to provide 42,400 acre feet meeting over half of the basin's future M&I needs.

As proposed, the Southern Delivery System is a 53-mile pipeline starting at Pueblo Reservoir that would deliver water to Colorado Springs, Fountain, Security and Pueblo West. After more than 10 years of discussion, study, and planning, the \$1.1 billion project finally appears close to becoming a reality. Chief Water Services Officer Bruce McCormick and SDS Project Director John Fredell of Colorado Springs Utilities will discuss recent SDS milestones and tasks still remaining to be done. They will also discuss how the project has gotten to where it is today as Colorado Springs moves toward beginning construction of this major water project, which includes the pipeline, one water treatment plant, three pump stations, and two reservoirs.