



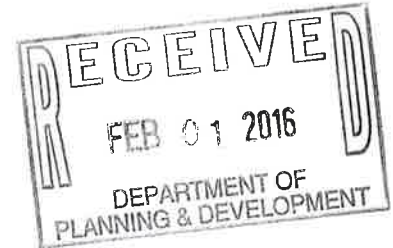
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Pueblo County Planning and Development
Ms. Joan Armstrong
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Subject: Verification of Southern Delivery System (SDS) Project Commitments for Individual Permits, Approvals, and Agreements, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

The Bureau of Reclamation recently received the Southern Delivery System Permit Compliance Annual Report (PCAR) for Calendar Year 2015. Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) prepared the report. The intent of the report is to demonstrate SDS's progress towards successfully implementing commitments in the SDS Record of Decision (ROD) dated March 20, 2009, and contractual obligations.

The ROD requires comprehensive monitoring of implementation of the SDS Participants' environmental commitments and coordination between Reclamation, SDS Participants, and the authorities responsible for additionally required permits, approvals, and agreements. Construction of Phase 1 of 2 is nearing completion. CSU has expressed a desire to commence operations and begin water deliveries in April 2016, subject to meeting the terms of the ROD and SDS contracts.

Reclamation requests review of implementation progress reported in the 2015 PCAR and verification that SDS is meeting commitments relative to your agency's permits and authorizations as described in the ROD and contracts. Written confirmation from your agency should conclude whether or not SDS is meeting your agencies requirements. If not, your agency should provide detailed descriptions of areas of noncompliance and suggested remedies. The 2015 PCAR is available on the SDS website at: <http://www.sdswater.org/Portals/0/docs/PDFs/SDS%20CY2015%20Permitting%20Compliance%20Annual%20Report%20FINAL%20w%20cover%20letter.pdf>. Reclamation's SDS ROD is available at <http://www.sdseis.com/ROD.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Terence Stroh at 970-962-4369 or via e-mail: tstroh@usbr.gov. We appreciate your cooperation and request your agency's response by February 22, 2016.

Sincerely,



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