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RE: El Paso County Water Master Plan, File No. MP181 (DC RE2018-204)

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

Thank-you for the opportunity to review and comment on the El Paso County Water Master Plan. The plan provides guidance on ensuring that land use decisions support water use and supply efficiencies for the present and future needs of County residents. Additionally, the Plan is a strong resource for supporting informed conversation regarding water by the citizens of El Paso County.

Douglas County Planning Services offers the following comments:

- In Figure 4-6, please correct the spelling of Douglas County. Laramie-Fox Hill Formation is incorrectly referenced on the map.
- On Figure 4-7, please consider an explanation for the triangle symbols.
- On page 45, second paragraph, first sentence: Is the reference to "municipal water supply systems" intended to reference municipal and district water supply systems?
- Regarding Policy 6.0.10 which addresses the timing of submission of a water supply plan, Douglas County requires submittal and review of a water supply plan as part of the first review process requiring a public hearing. The formal determination of approval of the water supply plan by the Board of County Commissioners does not occur until preliminary plan for land proposed for subdivision. At the time of preliminary plan review, the water supply plan may be the same as that reviewed in an earlier rezoning application, although the water provider is required to provide a more substantial water supply commitment statement.
- Policy 6.1.2.14 identifies concepts that may be more effective in extending water supplies than is the 300-year rule. Please consider whether discussion of the core rationale of the policy ought to be discussed within the Plan narrative to strengthen its significance.

Regards,

Joe Fowler

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