



Neighborhood Meeting Summary

For

Williams Creek Generating Station

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Community Engagement Summary Report (for 1041 Submission)

Community Engagement Activities

A community open house was hosted by Colorado Springs Utilities beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 15, 2026, at the Pikes Peak Library District's Fountain Library, 230 S. Main Street, Fountain, Colorado.

Twenty-one community attendees signed in. Project staff observed that several attendees did not sign in and estimate total attendance was approximately 30 people. Attendees included representatives from local agencies and citizens from both inside and outside the 3-mile radius notification.

Staff attendance included Colorado Springs Utilities representatives from Planning, Public Affairs, Operations, the Project Manager, Project Technical Lead, Senior Environmental Specialist and one consultant.

The open house was conducted in a format that allowed attendees to review project information boards, access English- and Spanish-language fact sheets, speak directly with project subject-matter experts, ask questions, submit written comments and speak with a Spanish-language interpreter in a more personal experience where conversations could be had. An online feedback form remains available following the event on the project website.

Multiple outreach methods were used to raise awareness of the project and provide opportunities for participation. Methods included:

- A dedicated project webpage
- Direct mail notifications
- Coordination with the City of Fountain
- Direct stakeholder outreach
- English- and Spanish-language fact sheets
- A Spanish-language interpreter
- Paid social media campaign from Aug. 14 – Sept. 14, 2026.
 - Reached 9,753 accounts
 - Generated 26,670 impressions
- Direct mail notifications

What We Heard

Community members provided feedback through conversations with project team members, paper comment forms, online feedback submissions and direct communications. Generally, the questions, comments and conversations focused on the following topics:

Water Resources and Water Use

Questions and concerns were raised regarding water use, water supply and potential impacts to local water resources. More specifically, participants wanted to understand where water for the facility would come from, how water would be managed, whether groundwater or private wells could be affected and whether there would be impacts to local waterways.

In response, project team members outlined the proposed water supply, facility operations and water management practices. Staff explained that the project would use existing Colorado Springs Utilities water infrastructure and answered questions regarding water sourcing, leak prevention and environmental protection.

The generating station will use water supplied through the Southern Delivery System pipeline adjacent to the site. The project will not affect local water rights, groundwater quality, or private wells in the Security-Widefield, Fountain, Fort Carson, and surrounding areas.

Water used at the facility will be managed on site and will not be discharged to local waterways, groundwater, or wastewater treatment facilities.

Representative comments and questions included:

- "Will this impact our water?"
- "What will the water usage be?"

Environmental and Wildlife Considerations

Participants asked about air quality, emissions, impacts to wildlife, bird-friendly lighting, dark-sky considerations and other environmental protections that would be incorporated into project design and permitting.

In response, project team members outlined environmental studies, permitting requirements and environmental protection measures that would be incorporated into project planning and design.

Representative comments and questions included:

- "Protect our environment and beauty of our area."
- Suggestions that bird-friendly and dark-sky lighting practices be incorporated into project design.

Project Location and Community Impacts

Participants sought information about the site's proximity to surrounding land uses, visual impacts and potential construction-related impacts. Additional requests were made for maps and visual information showing the facility's location relative to nearby roads and landmarks.

In response, project team members reviewed maps and site information with attendees and discussed construction access, site layout and project location.

Representative comments and questions included:

- Requests for maps showing the project location in relation to nearby roads, neighborhoods and landmarks. Next meeting will have a new vicinity map to include Squirrel Creek Road, Old Pueblo Road and Birdsall Road.
- Several project team members noted that location-related questions often decreased after attendees reviewed project maps and discussed the site location with project staff.

Project Need and Electric Reliability

Participants asked whether the project was intended to support data centers, future community growth or broader electric reliability needs. They also sought information about how the project fits within our long-term energy transition strategy.

In response, project team members outlined future electricity needs, reliability requirements and the role of flexible generation resources in supporting a reliable and resilient electric system.

Representative comments and questions included:

- Is the project being developed to support future growth and increasing electricity needs.
- Is this project for a data center?

This project dates to our 2022 resource planning process in which it was identified as a solution to help meet demand when we decommission the Nixon Power Plant – now targeted for a 2032 closure.

Community Engagement and Communication

Questions and comments were received regarding engagement methods and future communication opportunities. While most feedback focused on the project itself, one participant expressed concerns regarding notification timing, outreach methods and the overall engagement approach. Suggestions included providing additional advance notice, expanding direct outreach and continuing opportunities for community discussion as the project progresses.

We also received requests for additional community meetings, ongoing project updates, and information regarding permitting processes, project milestones and future opportunities to remain informed as the project progresses. This feedback will be considered as future engagement activities are planned.

In response, project team members covered ongoing engagement opportunities, project communications and ways for community members to remain involved.

Additional community meetings are planned for early 2027 as the project design progresses and will also include virtual options.

Representative comments and questions included:

- Requests for additional community meetings.
- Questions about how many opportunities there will be to stay involved as the project moves forward.

Next Steps

The questions and comments received during this phase of engagement will help inform future communications, project materials and engagement activities. As the project progresses through planning, engineering and permitting, additional opportunities for community participation are anticipated.

Community members can continue to provide feedback through the project webpage and by contacting our Community Engagement team.