



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

ROUGH WATER AHEAD

This year many of us fought tirelessly for the passage of the FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL AND GREENWAY DISTRICT, and agreed the intent of the legislation was to address the many challenges arising from the unique nature of the Fountain Creek. SB141, sponsored by myself and Pueblo, Senator Abel Tapia, defines priorities to address these challenges such as flooding, drainage, sedimentation, water quality & quantity, and erosion problems existing within the watershed district in El Paso and Pueblo Counties.

One of the first challenges facing this newly formed district is the decision to approve the construction of a large scale concrete plant and rock quarry that may affect the priorities listed above. According to some reports, the proposed project may include up to 800 trucks a day hauling rock product, creating dust and noise in an area located near one of Colorado's most important environmental and wildlife habitats, Fountain Creek.

Issues ranging from job creation for the Fountain area and the property rights of the cement company versus the short & long term impacts on water quality and quantity along Fountain Creek; impacts to air quality and property values of surrounding properties; deterioration of city, county and state roads; and safety considerations for the men, women and children living and traveling around the proposed project, all weigh heavily on affected property owners and create a rough road ahead for stakeholders and policy makers. I am confident our elected officials will consider these and many more issues when determining the fate of the project. If you're interested or affected, engage in the process, allow the process to work, contact your locally elected officials and share with them your concerns and comments about this important project.

I have heard from many individuals and understand this is a very complex issue. If you have any comments or concerns about this or any other issue, please email or call me anytime. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and join us at our next Town Hall Meeting on October 10th, 9:00 am, at the Calhan High School Cafeteria and October 17th, 9:00 am at the Fountain Senior Citizen Center! It's your House District and your concerns and comments are important to me!

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