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## **Looper's Fountain Creek Watershed District Signed into Law**

State Rep. Marsha Looper declared victory today, after Senate Bill 141 was signed into law. The measure allows for the creation of the Fountain Creek Watershed District, between El Paso and Pueblo Counties.

“Senate Bill 141 is the most important water bill of the session,” said Looper, R-Calhan. “Allowing El Paso County and Pueblo County to move forward on this comprehensive water policy will benefit over one-million people who live and work in Southern Colorado, and rely on this very important resource.”

SB 141 would create the Fountain Creek Watershed District, which would manage, administer and fund capital improvements in the Fountain Creek watershed, by also creating parks, wetlands, open space, and other recreation areas.

“By creating this district, we’ll eliminate major problems such as poor water quality, drainage problems, flooding and erosion,” added Looper.

The district would be eligible to contract with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for flood control and restoration programs, leaving little cost to the state.

SB 141 was cosponsored in the house by Rep. Sal Pace, D-Pueblo, and sponsored in the senate by Sen. Abel Tapia, D-Pueblo.

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