

CARLOS LOPEZ

“The Importance of Water”

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Dear citizens of southern Colorado,

I write to you today to stress how important our water is to us. Whether we are in the business of agriculture, outdoor recreation or in community infrastructural needs; water is a lifeline that provides us all with sustainable life.

But there are agencies like *Renewable Water Resources* who want to extract this vital water from the San Luis Valley and pipe it north so they can continue with urban development and sprawl. This doesn't do our people in the San Luis Valley any favors. It only hurts their already depleting aquifers levels and tightens a noose around the livelihoods of fellow rural Coloradoans. I wouldn't want this organization to succeed and then start looking elsewhere along the Arkansas River for more resources that promote growth along the northern front range of I-25.

We have seen the detriment that has occurred in Crowley County as a result of selling water rights to Aurora and Colorado Springs. This sale has been a negative effect to the folks in Ordway and their way of life has totally changed. Do we want this to happen again in the San Luis Valley or the Purgatoire River Valley? Last thing we need is more water going up north from our Arkansas River Valley!

So please check out my website and donate what you can so when I am your senator, I can create quality legislation that prevents these organizations from taking our water to provide greener lawns for the development of the northern front range.

Respectfully,

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