

Board Memo Agenda Item Staff Report

Date: (Date of Utilities Board Meeting)	October 16, 2024
To:	Utilities Board
From:	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Naming of the Miskel Reservoir
NARRATIVE:	
Desired Action: Choose only one	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Information
Executive Summary:	<p>Staff recommends renaming Lower Williams Creek Reservoir for Harold Miskel. Sixteen miles southeast of the city, Lower Williams Creek Reservoir is planned for storage and exchange of reusable return flow from the Southern Delivery System.</p> <p>Mr. Miskel was employed by the City of Colorado Springs/ Colorado Springs Utilities from 1966 to 1999 and served as president of Colorado Water Congress in the 1980s. During his career he was an integral part of securing water for the growing Colorado Springs community – leading numerous water rights negotiations, supporting the Fryingpan-Arkansas project and planning for the Southern Delivery System.</p> <p>For more than half a century he’s been an active voice at the state legislature, helping with the development of water law, writing many bills and amendments that are foundations for water development in Colorado.</p> <p>He led the effort to obtain a municipal exchange water right, the Arkansas River Exchange Decree, recognized by the Water Court as a decreed water right in a priority system in 1996. This is the mechanism that allows for the planned Williams Creek Reservoir.</p> <p>Following his retirement from Colorado Springs Utilities, Miskel remained active in the water community, serving on the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Board and in 2016 was named the Wayne N. Aspinall Water Leader of the Year by the Colorado Water Congress.</p>
Benefits:	Recognizing a retiree and significant contributor to water development for Colorado Springs.
Board Policy: If this impacts one of the board policies, indicate that here.	N/A

Cost / Budget: Include the projected cost or budget here.		The reservoir site is yet to be developed; therefore, no additional expense is anticipated by renaming the facility.	
Affected Parties: This could include community groups, specific City Council Districts, other utilities, nonprofit organizations, certain neighborhoods, Colorado Springs Utilities employees, etc.		Colorado Springs community, the greater Colorado water community, Colorado Springs Utilities staff and retirees.	
Alternatives:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No name change for Lower Williams Creek Reservoir • Selecting another facility to be named for Mr. Miskel 	
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SPG Staff Use Only:	Consent Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Item Number 08
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