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El Paso County’s Groundwater Quality Study Committee Hosts Public Meeting
April 25 Forum Will Include Results of Water Quality Study of Upper Black Squirrel Creek Basin

El Paso County, April 14, 2011 – El Paso County’s Groundwater Quality Study Committee (GQSC) is hosting a public meeting on Monday, April 25, from 6-8 p.m. in the Falcon High School Cafeteria/Commons, located at 10255 Lambert Road, in Falcon, CO (80831). At this meeting, GQSC members will share key information on the recently-completed study of groundwater quality in the alluvial aquifer of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Basin. General information and handouts on groundwater use and quality will be available to meeting attendees prior to the scheduled presentation from 6-6:30 p.m., and GQSC members will be available to answer questions.

El Paso Board of County Commissioners Chair Amy Lathen also will attend the public gathering and extends a special invitation to citizens residing in her District 2, which encompasses the County’s vast eastern plains. “Residents in rural El Paso County rely heavily on groundwater from private wells or municipal groundwater supplies, and the study we will be sharing was initiated to broaden everyone’s understanding of water quality issues that are critical to our daily lives ... both now and in the future,” Lathen stated.

The Colorado Geological Survey (CGS) conducted the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Basin study with stakeholder input from the Groundwater Quality Study Committee. CGS representative Ralf Topper will be at the April 25 public meeting and present the Phase 1 study results, which can be viewed in advance of the meeting at: <http://adm.elpasoco.com/Development%20Services/Pages/AdvisoryBoardsandCommittees.aspx>.

For more information on the April 25 public meeting, contact Community Services Planning Manager Elaine Kleckner at 520-6999 or email elainekleckner@elpasoco.com.