

Vote Yes on Item 1B to Fix Flooding in El Paso County  
Voter Guide submittal

Vote yes on 1B – Let's fix this!

After decades of neglect, our community's stormwater and flood-control systems are crumbling. A 2012 American Society of Civil Engineers report card gave the system an overall D- for safety and condition. It's time to take care of our community and invest in safe, reliable infrastructure.

Based on two years of research, analysis and public input, the Pikes Peak Stormwater Task Force – nearly 200 citizens, engineers, neighborhood leaders, business people and elected officials volunteering thousands of hours – has proposed a comprehensive management plan for voter approval:

- A regional stormwater authority that will address a list of stormwater capital projects (55% of funds), emergency needs and master planning (10%) and maintenance (35%).
- The capital portion will automatically end after 20 years and the fee will go down.
- Work will be funded by a user fee based on impervious surface, capped to avoid economic burden.
- Spending on administration will be capped at 1% to minimize overhead, and work will be contracted to local vendors to maximize economic benefit.
- The average homeowner would pay \$7.70 per month.
- The fee is fixed and will NEVER go up. There isn't even an inflation adjustment.
- The money can only be spent on stormwater projects, and voters know what they're getting because of the project list, which has been reviewed by an independent engineering company.
- A regional authority means all local governments will work together to coordinate efforts and maximize return on investment.
- The authority is modeled on the successful, voter-approved Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA).

**Addressing stormwater means:**

- A better local economy
- 250 new, high-quality jobs each year (UCCS economic analysis)
- Lower insurance rates
- Well-maintained critical infrastructure - safer roads and bridges
- More efficient use of taxpayer dollars because we can prevent problems
- Less damage to public and private property

Read the entire intergovernmental agreement, learn about the Task Force, estimate your fee and get other information at [www.pikespeakstormwater.org](http://www.pikespeakstormwater.org).

Vote yes to protect lives, protect property, and prevent floods.

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