

Animas-La Plata Project Construction

Project Description

Reclamation's Four Corners Construction Office will make use of the \$12.1 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for key portions of the Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline (NNMP) and to complete other portions of the Animas-La Plata Project in the Four Corners. The additional funding will augment an existing highly stressed and aging drinking water supply system for the Navajo Nation tribal residents living between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico. In addition, ARRA funds will be used for construction of an operating facility building near Durango, Colo., for use by the Animas-La Plata Project and to construct a boundary fence around portions of Lake Nighthorse – thus reducing trespass, vandalism, and dam security issues associated with this facility.



The Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline (NNMP) was authorized as part of the Animas-La Plata Project by the Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 2000 to provide for the conveyance of 4,680 acre-feet of municipal water per year from Farmington to Shiprock. The NNMP will follow the approximate alignment of the existing Farmington-to-Shiprock pipeline and will connect to existing distribution service laterals that serve communities in the Upper Fruitland, San Juan, Nenahnezad, Hogback, Shiprock, Cudei and Beclaibito Chapters.

Project Benefits

- When completed, the NNMP will stretch nearly 29 miles and convey 4,680 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water from the City of Farmington to the Navajo Nation.
- ARRA funds of \$7 million will be used for key components of the construction of 22 miles (out of a total project of 29 miles) of the NNMP from Farmington to Shiprock and allow for an earlier delivery of water to the Navajo Nation.
- The NNMP will augment a highly stressed system that exists now and provide the Navajo Nation with a more reliable water source.
- ARRA funding of \$4.4 million will also allow for design and construction of a LEED-certified permanent operating facility building near Durango, Colo. for the Colorado features of the Animas-La Plata Project including the housing of the maintenance support equipment. This facility is needed because the pumping facilities will be coming on-line very shortly.
- Stimulus funds of \$720,000 will be used to construct a boundary fence of 115,000 feet around Federal lands bordering Lake Nighthorse.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$12.1 million

For more information

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