Gila River Indian Community Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project

Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding will accelerate construction of the Community's Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, part of the Central Arizona Project's distribution system within the Community, which is located southwest of Phoenix. The Pima Lateral Canal is the main water conveyance feature of the water delivery system, which will ultimately deliver water to as many as 146,000 acres of Community lands each year.

Project Benefits

Accelerating the funding for this project will:

- Enable the Community to construct 10.5 miles of new concrete-lined canal.
- Enable the construction of 7 check structures in the Pima Lateral Canal.
- Allow the Community to meet commitments to serve additional irrigated lands with water by the end of fiscal year 2010.

Project Status

Five contracts, totaling $35.9 million in Recovery Act funds, have been awarded. Construction of an 8.5-mile-long canal to connect the existing San Carlos Irrigation Project-Indian Works system and the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project pipeline is scheduled for completion in March 2011. This canal, and a connecting feature that is expected to be complete in September 2010, will enable the Community to deliver settlement and other water supplies to the central and western portions of the Gila River Indian Reservation. Construction of five on-reservation check structures was completed in early July 2010, and a new 3.8-miles-long canal to deliver water to previously uncultivated lands was completed in April 2010. Additionally, work on an existing 2,987-feet-long canal that will be replaced with a new concrete-lined canal is expected to be complete in May 2011.

Budget Information

The initial Recovery funding available for the project was $36.8 million. Additional funding for the project has been approved so the project budget is now $37.3 million.

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