

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 of 2009 (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, N. M. 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 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 to purchase materials for key components of the construction of 22 miles (out of a project total of 29 miles) of the NNMP from Farmington to Shiprock. The early purchase of these materials will allow manufacturing and delivery ahead of construction to optimize the construction sequence.
- 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.
- ARRA funds of \$720,000 will be used to construct a boundary fence of 115,000 feet around federal lands bordering Lake Nighthorse.

Project Status

- Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline - \$5.27 million awarded to Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (Navajo Nation.) Pipe orders are completed and pipe delivery is due Aug. 11, 2011.
- LEED-Certified Operating Facility for the Animas-La Plata Project - \$1.9 million awarded Weeminuche Construction Authority (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.) Completion projected in December 2011.
- Animas-La Plata Fencing - \$441,961 awarded to Weeminuche Construction Authority (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.) Completion projected April 2011.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$12.1 million

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