

Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project – Sunnyside Irrigation District

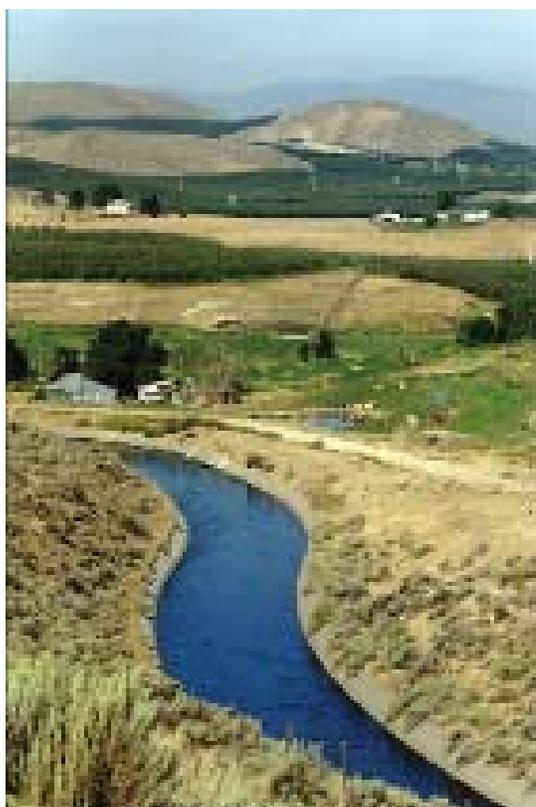
Project Description

Sunnyside Division Board of Control will convert up to 66 laterals to closed pipe in their Phase II water conservation project, which is a component of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds will be used to begin Phase II, and will convert three large open laterals and four smaller open laterals, that serve approximately 15,500 acres, to an enclosed piping system.



Project Benefits

This work will improve system efficiencies and conserve water that is now lost through leakage and evaporation. Two thirds of the water savings will remain in the Yakima River and the irrigation district retains one-third of the water for irrigation. The completed Sunnyside Division Board of Control Phase II project will add approximately 17,000 acre-feet to the Yakima River for instream flows needed for ESA listed fish.



Project Status

Sunnyside Division Board of Control was awarded \$21.4 million in ARRA funding. The four smaller open laterals have been converted to an enclosed piping system. Conversion of the three large open laterals, Rocky Ford, Ryder, and Matheson, to an enclosed piping system will begin July 2010. Construction will be completed August 2011.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$23.1 million

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