

## Animas-La Plata Project Accelerated Construction

The Animas-La Plata Project received \$10.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for key portions of the Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline and to complete other portions of the Animas-La Plata Project in the Four Corners region of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

Reclamation partnered with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation, Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District, La Plata Conservancy District of New Mexico, San Juan Water Commission and state of Colorado.

### Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline

Funds were used to purchase 22 miles of 24-inch diameter PVC pipe that were used in the construction of the Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline. This project augments an existing, highly stressed and aging drinking water supply system for the Navajo Nation tribal residents living between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico.

This pipeline 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. It follows the approximate alignment of the existing Farmington-to-Shiprock pipeline and connects to existing distribution service laterals that serve the communities in the Upper Fruitland, San Juan, Nenahnezad, Hogback, Shiprock, Cudei and Beclaibito Chapters.



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The funding also was used for the construction of an operations facility near Durango, Colorado, for use by the Animas-La Plata Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement Association. This facility was designed and built under a contract with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. It was designed and constructed to meet the Department of the Interior Guiding Principles for Sustainable Building and is LEED certified.

Funding from ARRA went towards the construction of a boundary fence around federal lands bordering Lake Nighthorse reducing trespass, vandalism and dam security issues associated with this facility.

