



ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT MONTHLY REPORT

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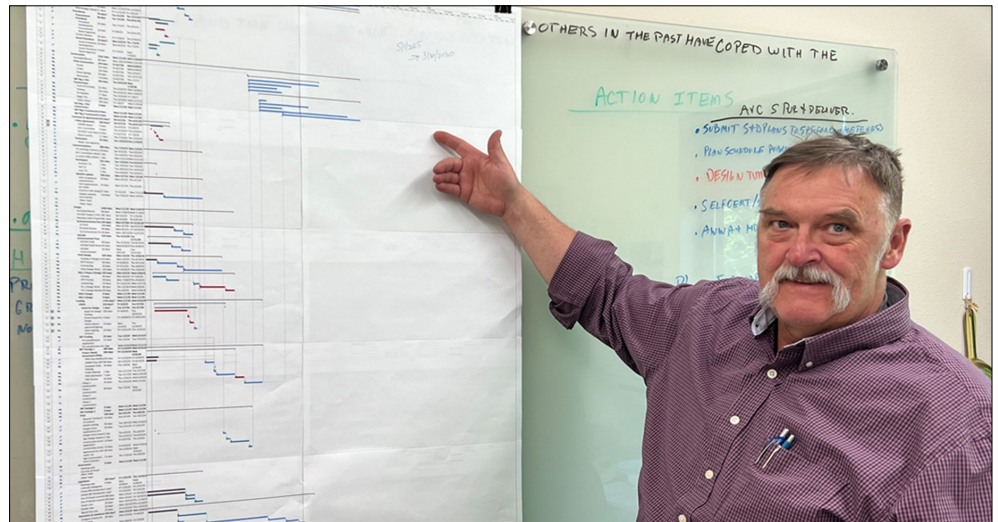
The Arkansas Valley Conduit Committee has not set its next meeting date.

Future meetings in planning stages

The Enterprise is in the process of planning future meetings with stakeholders, and these will be announced as details become available.

Want to learn more about the AVC?

If your organization would like a presentation on AVC, contact Chris Woodka, 719-289-0785 or email chris@secwcd.com



Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise Engineering Manager shows the detailed work plan that incorporates legislative and funding information as well as construction details, while connecting items to show the interrelationships.

AVC Committee previews Work Plan

The Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) Committee met on June 5, 2025, and heard an update on the Work Plan from Gordon Dillon, Enterprise Engineering Manager.

The Work Plan has been developed in order to improve tracking and identify critical events which have to be completed in order to keep the AVC Enterprise Sub-Project (Sub-Project) on track.

Executive Director Leann Noga explained that the work plan is more complete than a construction timeline because it also includes legislative actions and funding decisions as well as construction.

The Committee concentrated on work that must be completed in the next six months in order to meet application deadlines for state funding. The goal of the Enterprise is to complete construction of AVC spurs and delivery lines ahead of the Trunk Line being built by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

Environmental Reports for the entire Sub-Project are being completed by consultants Kennedy Jenks and AECOM. This means that design for the entire Sub-Project will be at 30 percent completion, which includes initial alignment and other factors.

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AVC Committee previews Work Plan

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The Environmental Reports are expected to be completed in November 2025.

In the Work Plan for the next six months are:

- ◆ Completion of the four-way agreement among the Enterprise, Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA) and Otero County to allow Otero County to accept CWCB grants that will leverage State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans for AVC construction.
- ◆ Participant meetings, which will occur later this summer.
- ◆ Project Needs Assessment (PNA) work being completed by Swiftwater Solutions LLC, which is necessary for the SRF funding.
- ◆ Design of the Lamar vault, using a \$90,000 contribution from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provided by the City of Lamar. The vault design can be replicated with slight modifications for other AVC vaults.

Next Steps

The next step will be to design spurs and delivery lines through Rocky Ford, which will cost an estimated \$2 million. The scope was chosen as the likely reach of the AVC Trunk Line that will be built by the Reclamation Sub-Project in the next few years.

Potential sources for the design include:

- ◆ Remaining ARPA funds, about \$55,000.
- ◆ Emerging contaminants (per- and polyfluoroalkyl or PFAS) funding that has been applied for, \$300,000.
- ◆ Enterprise cash flow.
- ◆ Using part of the \$30 million CWCB grant.

Mrs. Noga outlined the options, and it was generally agreed that design funds not covered by ARPA and PFAS should be paid out of Enterprise funds, saving

About the Committee

The AVC Committee of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise makes recommendations to the Enterprise Board. Members of the Committee are Chairman Kevin Karney, Vice-Chair Justin DiSanti, Mike Bartolo, Matt Heimerich, Dallas May, Bill Long and Leann Noga. Committee meeting dates are posted on the Web site <https://www.secwcd.org/> and are open to the public either in person or remotely.

the CWCB grant money for construction. The fully developed plan will come to the Committee and the Enterprise Board in August or September.

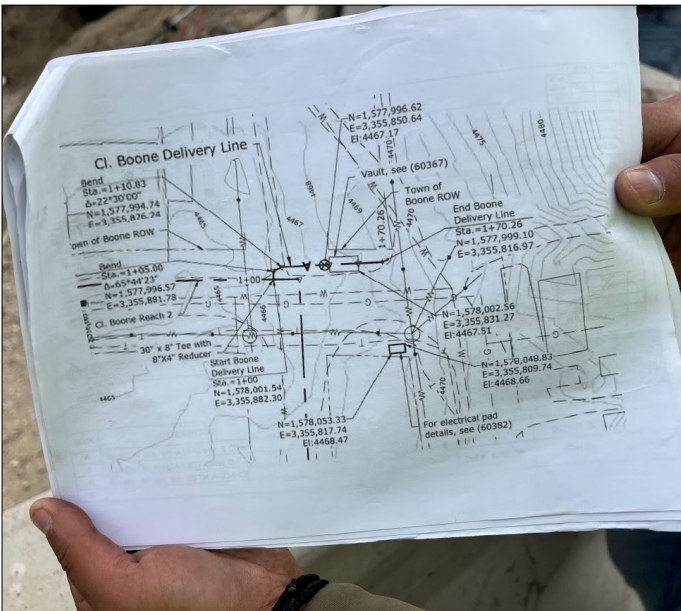
Participant Meetings

Bill Long and Leann Noga reviewed the meeting Enterprise officials had with the City of La Junta Utility Board and City Council on May 12. The meeting was positive. Mrs. Noga had follow-up calls with La Junta officials and delivered information on AVC funding that La Junta requested. The meeting was summarized in the May AVC Newsletter.

Reclamation Sub-Project

Mr. Dillon said the Trunk Line to Boone is on track to be completed, following payment to Xcel Energy, to move gas lines near North Avondale, an issue that had delayed construction for Pate Construction on Boone Reach 2.

Boone Reach 1 will be completed soon by WCA Construction, LLC. The construction of the injection site has been delayed by internal problems at Thalle Construction that Reclamation is working to resolve.



Pate Construction installing AVC vault at Boone

Pate Construction began work this month on the Boone vault that will connect the AVC Trunk Line being built by the Bureau of Reclamation with the Boone delivery line completed by the Enterprise in late 2023. The vault will be the first constructed along the AVC route. Pate will also finish the pipeline that will connect to the six-mile reach being built by WCA Construction, which is nearly complete.





Swink gets state loan for water tower repairs

The town of Swink is receiving help from the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund (SRF) to make repairs on its older water tank that has been out of service for more than a year.

“Hopefully we’ll get it completed before the end of the year,” said Jim Bensley, Swink’s Public Works Director.

The total cost of the project is \$683,858, which will be funded by a Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority loan for \$336,929, another \$336,929 from an Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund grant, along with a \$10,000 planning grant. The loan comes through the Bipartisan Infrastructure law and has principal forgiveness of 64.441 percent, or \$217,122.

Swink has two water tanks, the older 40,000-gallon tank on the north side that is being repaired, and a newer 150,000-gallon tank on the south side. The two tanks work in tandem to deliver water that is blended between water from the town’s three wells and water from the nearby city of La Junta, Bensley said.

If one goes down, it’s good to have the other available, but the north side tank has been down since March 2024.

Swink is one of 39 communities in the AVC Project and such repairs are needed in many of those communities.

Last year, the Enterprise developed a Funding Guidance Document to help AVC participants navigate Colorado funding opportunities. For more information about the funding guide, contact gordon@secwcd.com.

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