



ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT MONTHLY REPORT

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AVC Committee

The March meeting of the AVC Committee has been postponed. A future meeting will be announced when new details are available.

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



Pate Construction is installing the AVC pipeline on State Highway 96 at the west side of Boone.

AVC Trunk Line nears Boone

The Arkansas Valley Conduit Trunk Line is nearing Boone.

Boone Reach 1 is nearly complete and is expected to be completed in July 2025. There are still about 4,000 feet of pipe needed at the west end of Boone Reach 2, which is expected to be completed in August 2025.

Once the Injection Site is completed, water service to Avondale and Boone can begin. This is expected to occur sometime during 2026.

The Bureau of Reclamation oversees the construction of the AVC Trunk Line.



The PVC pipe under State Highway 96 is mechanically restrained with a steel collar and bolts at the joints.



AVC Project remains on course

The Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise continues to work toward completion of the AVC in several different areas. Here is a brief update on the progress to date:

Planning

Enterprise staff met with Reclamation on March 12, 2025, to discuss funding and schedule for the AVC. These are being integrated into planning efforts and will be discussed with the AVC Committee at its next meeting. Reclamation is preparing contracts for further design and construction.

Funding

Federal funding to date totals about \$610 million, with \$500 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and \$110 million in appropriations. Most of the funding has come since 2020.

The AVC has commitments of \$90 million in loans and \$30 million in grants from the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The Enterprise is working with other state agencies to leverage additional funding through the State Revolving Fund.

The Enterprise has secured more than \$3.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from counties

and municipalities. The ARPA contributions were used for the design and construction of the spur and delivery lines. The Enterprise also contributed \$4.8 million toward a fund balance for AVC.

Construction

Reclamation has awarded contracts for AVC Trunk Line construction that will be completed later this year. A third contract has been awarded that has started on the injection site to be completed in late 2026.

The Enterprise has completed delivery lines to Avondale and Boone. Design is in progress for the remaining lines.

Federal Legislation

The Colorado congressional delegation is supportive of legislation requested by the Enterprise Board in 2024. Legislation stalled at the end of the 2024 session of Congress, but was re-introduced by Representative Lauren Boebert and Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper in the 2025 session.

The legislation seeks to extend the AVC repayment period, reduce the interest rate and assure that miscellaneous revenues will be the sole source of repayment of federal appropriations. The legislation was sought after the updated cost estimate for AVC was released in June 2024.

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