



Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise Board of Directors Meeting

Arkansas Valley Conduit Update Presentation Report

Date: June 16, 2022

Agenda Item: IV.B.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Information

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Information

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION AND/OR ACTIVITY:

The Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) is divided into two sub-projects. Reclamation is building the trunk line from Pueblo to Lamar. The Enterprise is building spur and delivery lines to the 39 water systems that will be linked by AVC.

ISSUE SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

A complete description of the updated topics below is available in the information item reports, agenda item VI.A. Staff will provide updates on each of the following topics:

Governance meetings – Meetings with six counties and two home-rule cities were held in preparation for a meeting June 15, 2022 at Otero College in La Junta. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss how the AVC will be governed.

CDPHE Enforcement Orders – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued updated Drinking Water Enforcement Orders to 18 AVC water systems on May 31, 2022, based on their ongoing water quality testing results and their responses from May 6, 2022 where they had to indicate how their communities intended to address their ongoing water quality violations.

Design Bids – The Enterprise closed its Request for Proposals (RFP) for design of AVC delivery lines to Avondale and Boone on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for designing AVC delivery lines for the remaining 37 water systems will close on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

GMS Services – Consultants for the Enterprise have been meeting with participants and preparing reports on each AVC participant to assess needs each water system has in connecting

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to the AVC. These reports also will look at the financial information associated with those water systems for loan applications.

So far, 90 percent of the water systems have been visited to obtain system data and 36 percent of the water system reports are final or under final review.

Repayment Contract – Reclamation will develop a Basis of Negotiation (BON), and negotiations are expected to begin by the end of 2022.

Reclamation AVC Project – Boone Reach 1 is being advertised for construction and Boone Reach 2 will follow within the next year while other segment design activities continue.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Information

ATTACHMENTS:

None