



## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** LPWWA Board

**From:** Bikis Water Consultants, LLC  
Eric A. Bikis, Project Manager

**Date:** January 20, 2009

**Re:** Intake Structure Project Status Report

This report covers the period from January 6, 2009 through January 20, 2009. Notable items for this period are described below.

### Intake Construction - EPC

- Construction Progress: Big Stan is drilling 24 hours a day and has improved its drilling rates. The jacking pit is being prepared and the lower pipeline is being backfilled south of the road.
- EPC Update: EPC attended this meeting to discuss the Atmos gas crossing, add-back costs of items in the deductive change order, future access road alignment and other issues concerning the next phase of the project.
- Access Road Alignment: EPC presented options for a 8, 10 and 12 percent slope of the access road and the associated costs.
- Site Tour: A large site tour was given on Monday, January 12, 2009. LPWWA Board members Tom Brossia and Gene Bradley, County Commissioners Hotter and White, County Manager and other county staff, Bikis Water Consultants, Russell Engineering and the Durango Herald attended. EPC and BWC provided a summary of the intake structure project, timeline and design. The tour included the activity on the lower intake pipeline and Big Stan. The Durango Herald featured an article on the project and construction methods on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

A tour is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Invitees include the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Dan Law (CWRPDA), Southwest Roundtable members, Bureau of Reclamation and aides to Senator Salazar and Congressman Salazar. Two board members, BWC and Bud Smith will also attend this meeting.

### Meetings and Presentations

- Communications Meeting with County Staff: Two LPWWA Board members, Gene Bradley and Roy Horvath, and Eric Bikis met with Shawn Nau, County Manager, and Joanne Spina, Assistant County Manager on Friday, January 9, 2009. During this meeting, the County recommended that LPWWA develop a website that will provide current documents on the project. LPWWA will also continue to provide status reports to the County Manager, in order to establish communication protocol between LPWWA and the County. County staff, county commissioners and others toured the project site on Monday, January 12, 2009.

County staff plan to meet with the LPWWA in early February to discuss a 'list of issues' associated with the project and to collaborate on moving forward with the next phase.

It was also determined that the LPWWA will provide a presentation to the County Commissioners (and public) on the intake structure when the project is completed.

- ALPWCD: LPWWA made a brief presentation to provide the ALPWCD Board with a progress update on the intake structure. ALPWCD members were also invited to tour the project site.
- Southwest Roundtable (CWCB): LPWWA Board members Gene Bradley and Roy Horvath gave a brief progress update and slideshow to the Roundtable at their meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 which acknowledged the Roundtable's role in helping the intake structure succeed, showed design and construction pictures, and outlined important steps for the next phases of the project.

#### **Project Budget**

- Budget Table: The project budget has been updated to include invoices approved at the last meeting.
- Russell Engineering, Inc Invoice: Russell has provided an invoice for services in December.

cc: Bud Smith, Esq.  
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Lena Atencio, Scott McElroy: SUIT  
Peter Ortego: UMU  
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