



MEMORANDUM

To: La Plata West Water Authority Board

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

Date: December 31, 2010

Re: La Plata West Water Authority (LPWWA) Status Report

This report covers the period from November 17, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Recent tasks have included the following:

- LPWWA Board: The Board approved the 2011 budget at the December 1, 2010 meeting. The Board also elected a new member, Mrs. Mardi Gebhardt, to replace Kirk Peine. The position was approved by the La Plata Water Conservancy District, which is responsible for approving 3 of the LPWWA Board positions.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding Application: The complete application package, including the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report, was received by the USDA on December 9, 2010. The regional loan officer is reviewing the package for completeness before it is provided to the State office.
- Environmental Report: The USDA staff has contacted several government agencies to request their cooperation in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the project. This is the initial step in developing a single NEPA review and finding that is upheld by several agencies.
- Community Updates: The LPWWA Board sent an update in late December to land owners that requested taps that described LPWWA's recent accomplishments and goals.
- La Plata County: LPWWA met with County staff on December 15, 2010 to discuss the status of the project, status of the County's planning and land use documents, and issues that affect both entities.

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