



## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** La Plata West Water Authority Board

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

**Date:** May 13, 2011

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

This report covers the period from March 16 through May 13, 2011. Recent tasks have included the following:

- **Board Members:** After years of valuable service, Gene Bradley, Treasurer, has resigned from the LPWWA Board. Mr. Bradley will continue to provide support to the Board and assist in the transition in accounting and filling the Board vacancy.
- **Funding:** LPWWA submitted an application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for its Rural Water Supply Program. Specifically, LPWWA is seeking funding to complete an Appraisal Study under the program that will focus on collaboration between stakeholders in the region. The USBR will announce funding recipients in June.
- **Intake Structure Site Visit:** Several LPWWA Board members visited the intake structure to ensure revegetation success and assess access options for maintenance.
- **Community Update and Tap Commitment Policy:** The LPWWA Board prepared and distributed an update to inform the community of the Board's activities, status of the USDA review and other funding opportunities. The update was sent on April 17<sup>th</sup> to all community members that signed up for a tap. Additionally, the Board is working on a policy for the ongoing management of tap commitments that were made during the USDA application process.

**cc:** Bud Smith, Esq.  
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