



LA PLATA WEST WATER AUTHORITY - Update on Phase 0 & Phase 1 Progress - November 13, 2015

HOWDY ALL LPWWA WATER SUBSCRIBERS AND COMMITMENT HOLDERS!

We are so excited to share with you that water is coming our way! Phase 0, the raw water project that will bring water from the intake structure at Lake Nighthorse to the water treatment facility at Lake Durango, is making headway. The final construction documents were issued earlier this month and the project was advertised for construction bidding last week. Response to our pre-bid meeting this week was very encouraging and well-attended. Bids are due back in a few weeks and we are excited to give the notice to proceed to the successful contractor in December.

With progress on Phase 0 moving ahead, we have been diligently working on the development of Phase 1. Our efforts to gain community support and participation this year has benefited all of you who signed on as Water Users for Phase 1. There currently are 140 Water Users that signed agreements during our campaign over the last couple of months.

The other major task starting soon is easement acquisition. In order to keep project costs as low as possible, LPWWA is asking all landowners to accept one dollar for the easement. If you elect, the remaining value of the easement can be a donation. The property owner is provided with documentation delineating the easement location and dimension. After the easement is finalized it will allow the property owner to identify the donation for tax benefit. Due to the length of waterline and the number of properties that are included on a project of this complexity fair market compensation for easements would greatly reduce the feasibility of the project. Also there is an inherent increase in your property value by having a central domestic water system. So please help by contacting us and telling us you will grant an easement! If you have not received an easement agreement by December 31, 2015, please contact Mardi Gebhardt at 970-749-1949, or email us at lpwwa@gmail.com.

Along with the easement acquisition work, we are preparing for the environmental and cultural surveys in the designed Phase 1 area. If you have not been contacted and given your verbal permission to survey your property, please contact Mardi Gebhardt at 970-749-1949, or email us at lpwwa@gmail.com.

Please keep in mind, LPWWA always welcomes your input and we have opportunities for you to serve on our Advisory Committee. We greatly appreciate the time that any of you can give us as there are plenty of tasks still ahead. Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Fort Lewis Elementary School. Please consult our website, www.lpwwa.org, for information on meeting dates and times, or contact any board member below. Also, our website contains information on time-lines related to the construction of both phases.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and understanding of our diligent efforts on your behalf.
Thank you,

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