

Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project

Update for Water and Natural Resources Committee August 08, 2023



Background / Need / Purpose

- Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP) has evolved over six decades
- Nation and State signed Settlement Agreement 2005
- Authorized for construction in March 2009 with passage of PL 111-11
- Cornerstone of Navajo Water Rights Settlement on the San Juan River Basin in New Mexico

Public Law 111–11 111th Congress

An Act

To designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Mar. 30, 2009 [H.R. 146]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. 16 USC 1 note.



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- Provides major infrastructure to secure and convey a longterm reliable water supply for:
 - Eastern portions of the Navajo Reservation
 - Southwest portion of Jicarilla Apache Reservation
 - City of Gallup
- Primarily funded by U.S. Government; NM also providing \$
 - Navajo Nation allocated construction costs are forgiven
 - Gallup and Jicarilla Apache are required to repay a portion of their allocated construction costs
- Being constructed by Reclamation, Navajo Nation, City of Gallup, and Indian Health Service



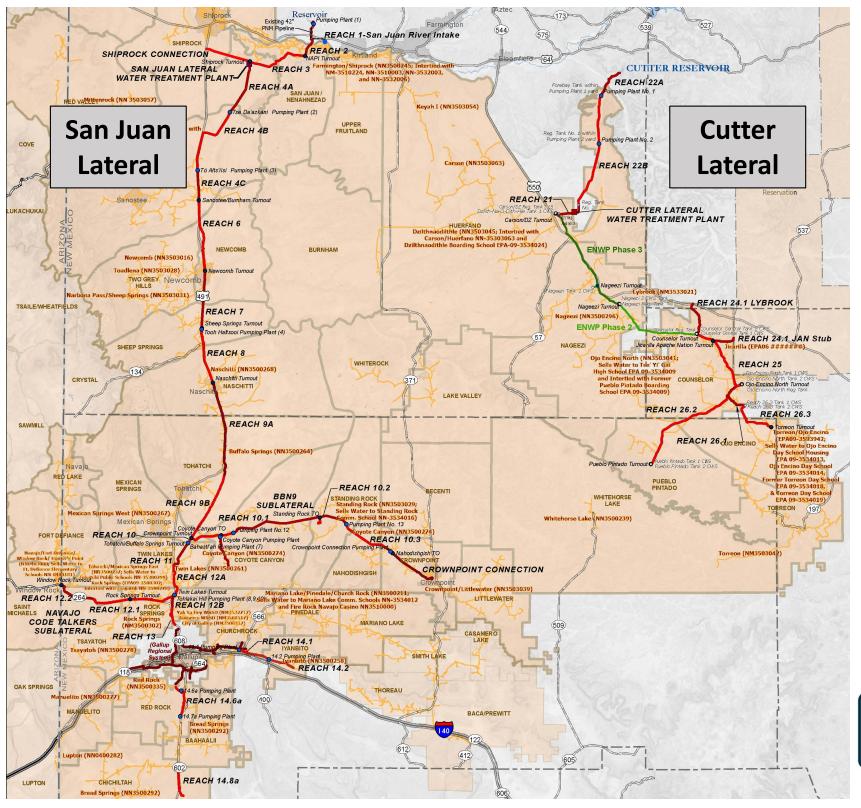














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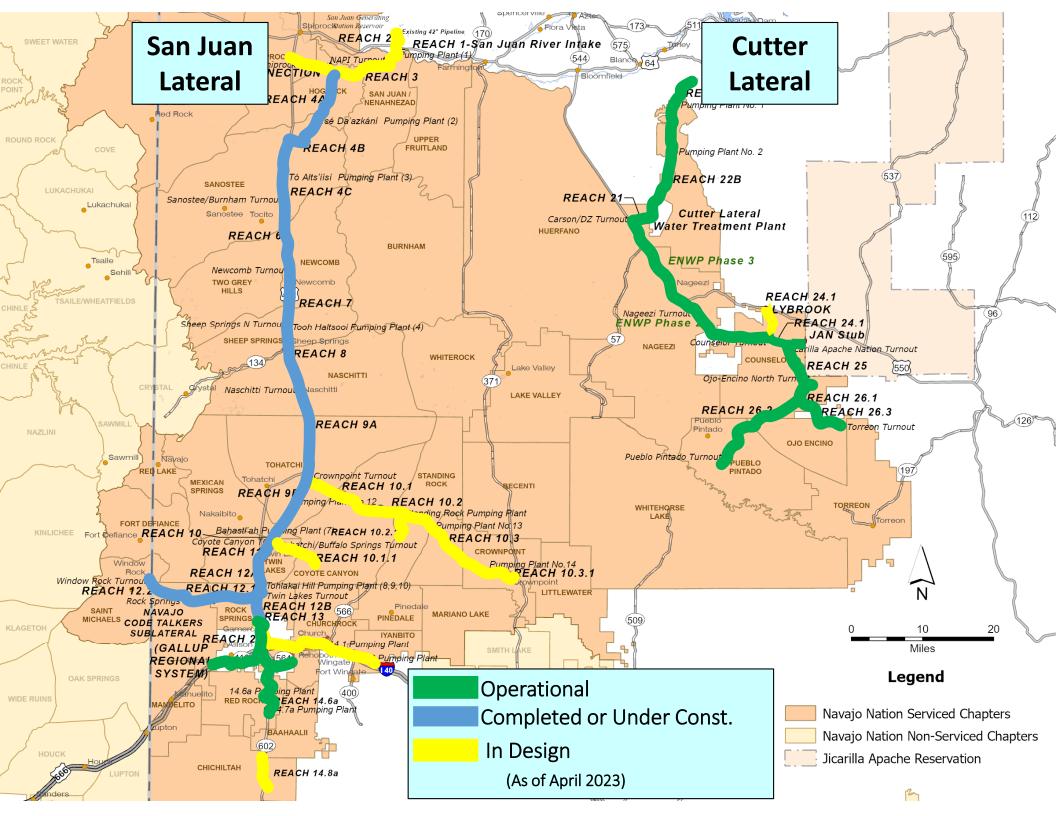
- Construction began in 2012; continues on the San Juan Lateral
- Water deliveries began Oct 2020 on Cutter Lateral
 - 8 Navajo communities and SW corner of Jicarilla Apache Reservation currently being served
- Consists of approximately 100 Miles of pipeline, treated by the Cutter Lateral Water Treatment Plant.

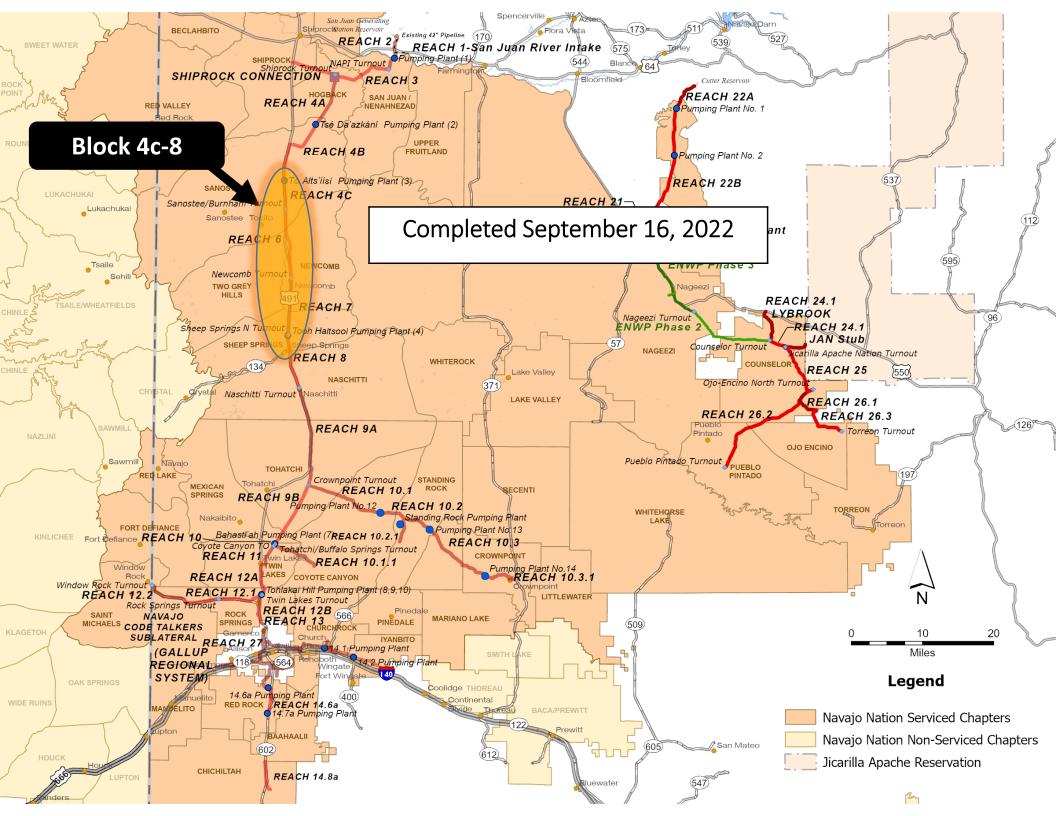


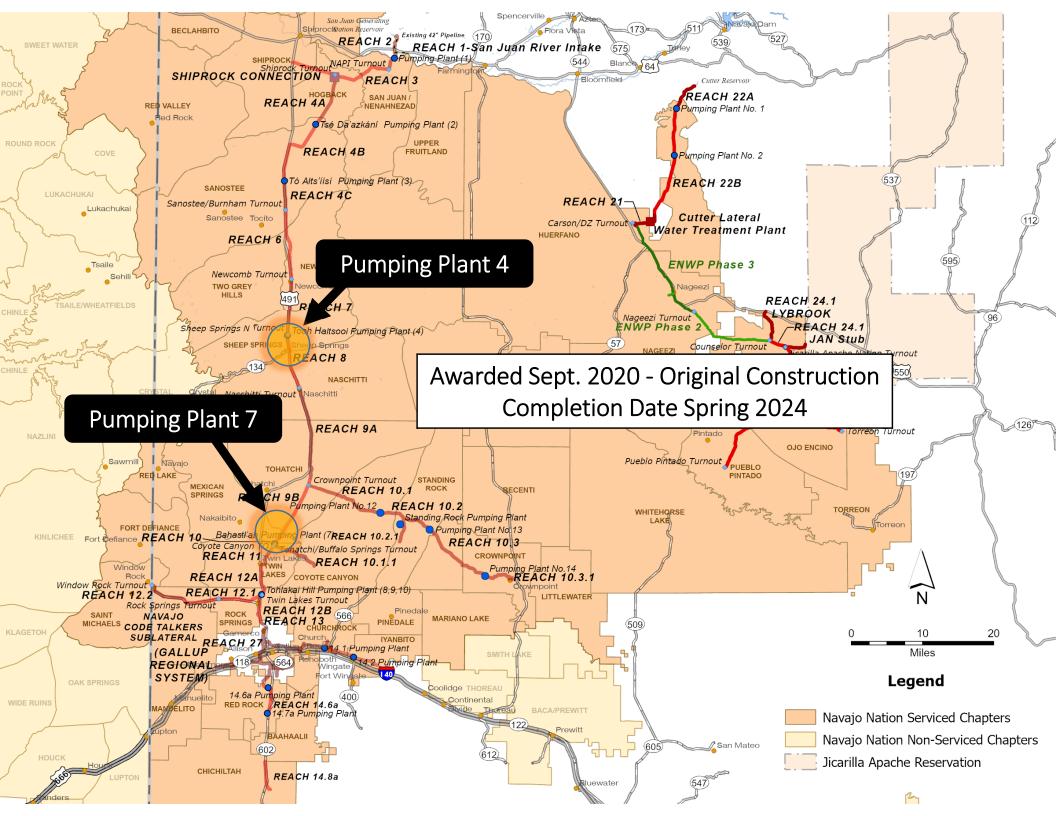


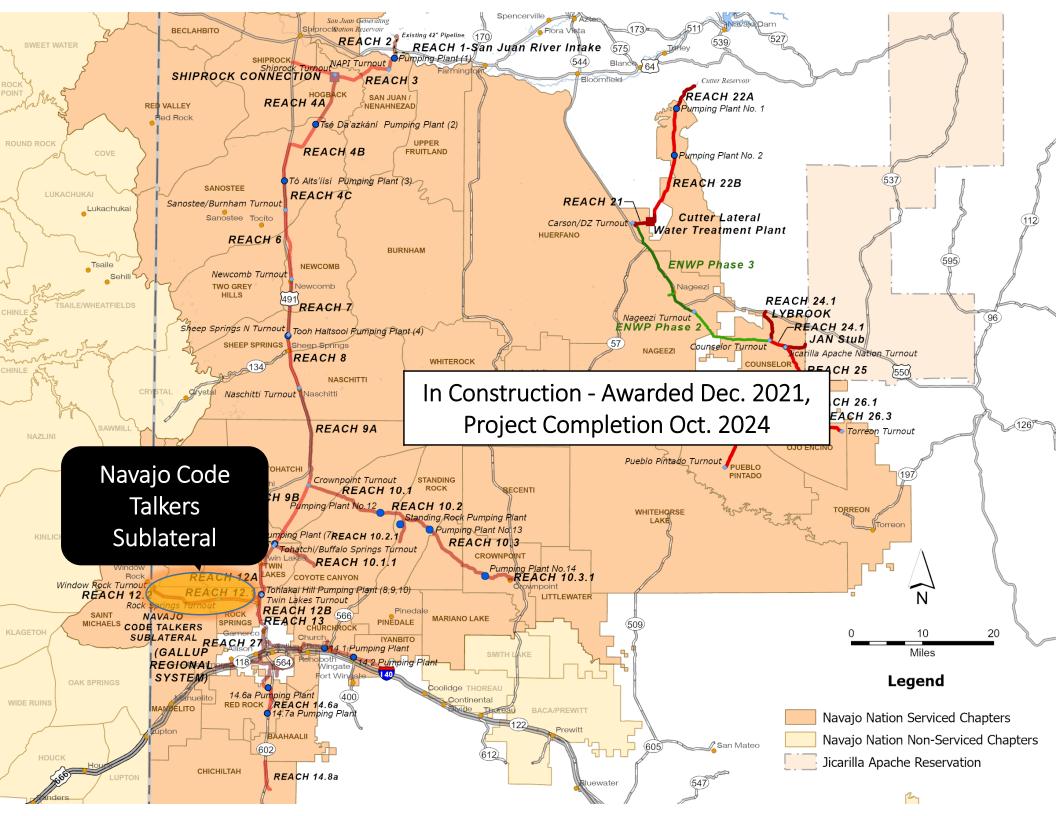
Cutter Lateral Water Treatment Plant

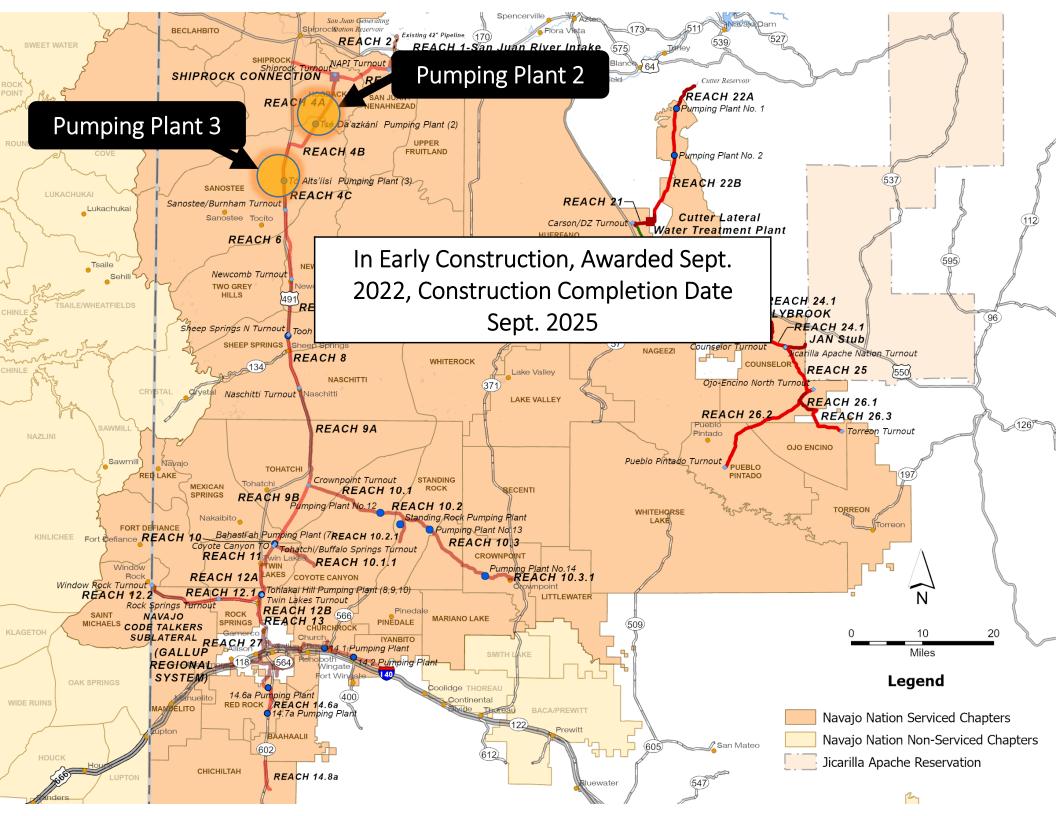


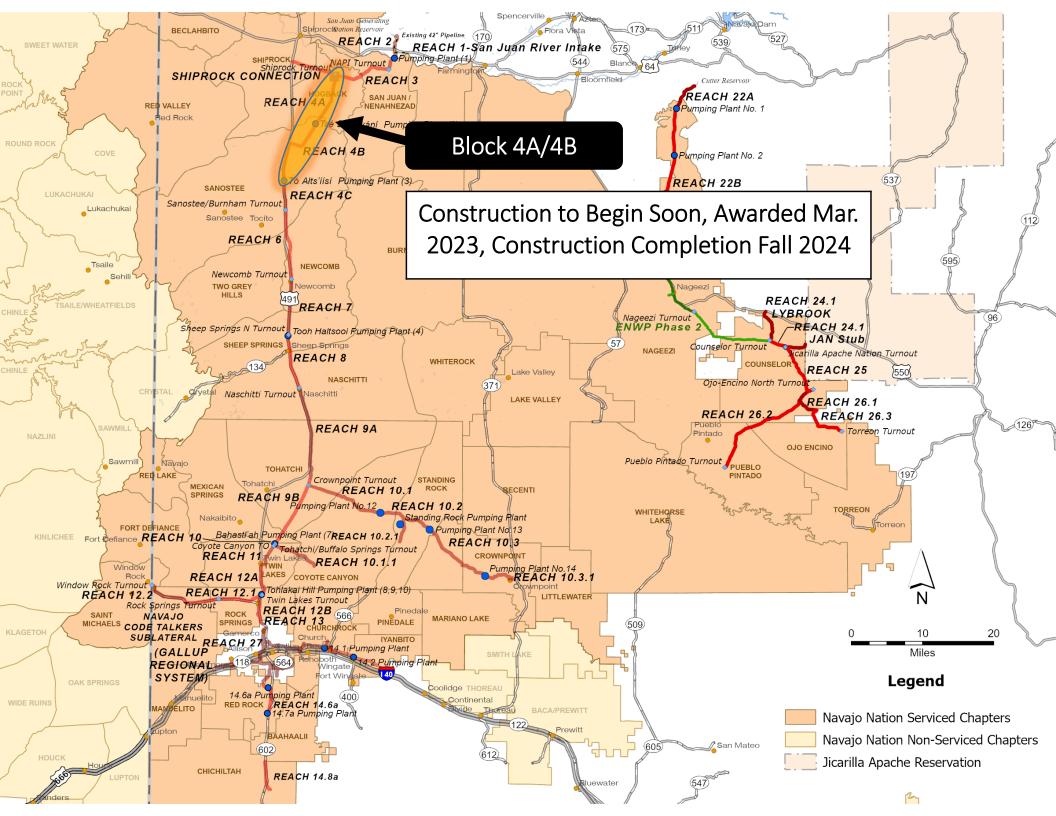




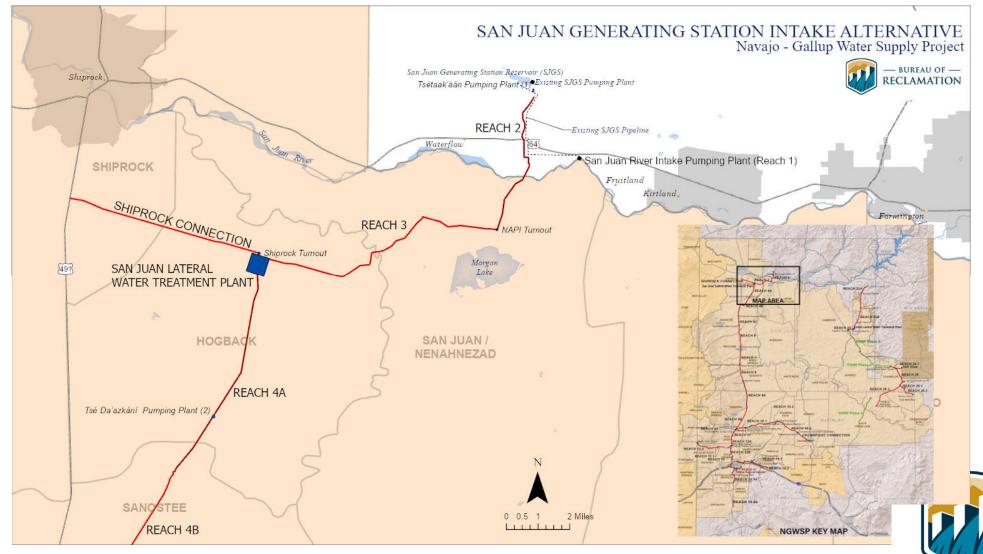








San Juan Generating Station Intake and Reservoir



Funding Gap

- Authorized \$870 million (2007), indexed and tracked using the Construction Cost Estimate (CCE)
- Current Ceiling (Oct 2022 \$) = \$1,414 M
- \$2,138 M Current estimate (October 2022)
- \$689 million funding gap





NGWSP Amendments Act of 2023

- Schedule Extension to project completion by Dec 2029
 - Currently projecting system commissioning and water deliveries in 2028
- Budget ceiling raise to 2,175 M
 - Project Costs 2,138 M
 - Community connections approximately 30 M
 - Inclusion of renewable energy 6.25 M
- Amendments went before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 12th
 - Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Bryan Newland, testified before the Committee and gave Department support for the amendments





 Fulfilling Obligations and Bringing Water to Indigenous Communities!

BOTTOM LINE...

- First Project water delivery on Cutter Lateral & transfer to O&M --- 2020 - 2022
- First Project water delivery on San Juan Lateral, completion of the Project, and fulfillment of the United States' and State of New Mexico's commitment to the Navajo people --- 2028 - 2029



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