

NM Legislative Finance Committee

Project Update as of May 14, 2025

ENMWUA

EASTERN NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority Members

City of Clovis • Cannon Air Force Base • City of Portales • City of Texico • Town of Elida

Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority (ENMWUA) Facts

- The ENMWUA's water pipeline system is called the **Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System** (ENMRWS), also known as the Ute Pipeline Project.
- The ENMRWS is a regional rural water supply project projected to address municipal and industrial water supply issues resulting from a declining and deteriorating Ogallala groundwater source.
- The ENMWUA's water delivery system will deliver 16,415-acre feet of renewable potable water annually to member communities of Clovis - Cannon Air Force Base, Portales, Texico, Elida, and areas in Roosevelt and Curry counties.
- ENMRWS was federally authorized through the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of **2009**.
- New Mexico Legislature enacted the Eastern New Water Utility Authority Act establishing ENMWUA as an official governmental Water Utility Authority effective July 1, 2010.

Addressing increasing water scarcity

The ENMWUA Project is on the outer edge of the Ogallala Aquifer.

The Ogallala Aquifer is rapidly declining.



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The aquifer is a finite resource.

ENMWUA EASTERN NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY DE BACA Area of disc saturation (Hart and McAda 1985) Area of zero sat 1990s well: O 2010s wells Source: Lifetime Projections for the High Plains Decline rate, ft/yr 9.5 0 feet Aquifer in East-central New Mexico, by Geoffrey C. Rawling and Alex J Rinehart, 2018.

The historical approach of regularly increasing the number of wells cannot continue indefinitely.

Member communities have reached a critical stage in meeting water demands.



The ENMWUA Project is a key component of a diversified, sustainable water portfolio



The ENMWUA Project has been decades in the making



Implementing and operating the Project requires a variety of funding sources



ENMWUA Administrative Costs: 100% by Local Member Communities

Operation and Maintenance Costs:

100%

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CAPITAL FUNDING TO DATE

Federal Funding

State WTB Funding

State Capital Outlay Funding

Member Communities Funding

Total

\$358,915,542.17 \$90,419,395.00 \$46,132,000.00 \$81,972,167.22

<u>\$577,439104.39</u>





Infrastructure required to convey water in eastern New Mexico





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> 3 ENMRWS Phases Complete



> 5 ENMRWS Phases Under Construction



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> 1 ENMRWS Phase about to Bid (June or July 2025)



6 ENMRWS Phases 100% Design Complete or Underway



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Construction

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FY2025 Capital Construction Budget

• \$368,856,043.92

Partnerships

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U.S.

- \checkmark US Bureau of Reclamation
- \checkmark **US** Department of Interior
- \checkmark US Environmental **Protection Agency**
- \checkmark **US Senators and Staff**
- \checkmark **US Representatives and** Staff
- \checkmark US Office of Management and Budget
- \checkmark US Fish and Wildlife Service
- \checkmark US Army Corps of Engineers

New Mexico

- \checkmark NM State Engineer
- \checkmark NM Interstate Stream Commission
- \checkmark **NM** Department of Transportation
- \checkmark NM State Land Office
- \checkmark NM State Historic Preservation Office
- \checkmark NM Governor's Office
- \checkmark **NM Legislative Finance** Committee
- \checkmark **NM Legislature**

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- NM Water Trust Board
- \checkmark **NM Finance Authority**
- \checkmark NM Department of Game and Fish
- \checkmark NM Department of Finance and Administration

Local Entities

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- \checkmark Cannon Air Force Base
- \checkmark Local Chamber of Commerce
- \checkmark Property Owners
- \checkmark Local/County Government
- \checkmark **Road/Utility Departments**
- \checkmark EPCOR

- \checkmark **Ogallala Land & Water**
 - Conservancy
 - Utility Owners
 - **USBR Rural Water Program** Coalition

NM Environment

Programs Bureau

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Division

Department-Construction

Department-Drinking Water

Department- Surface Water

Department- Ground Water

NM Construction Industry

Railroads

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The project schedule reflects delivery of water goal of 2031



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Build America Buy America





Local, Regional, and National

The Project benefits regional, state, and federal economies



Local - Concrete, building materials, aggregate materials, fencing, trucking, fuel and lubricants, seeding, temporary lodging, video/photography documentation, restaurants, grocery stores State - NM Gross Receipts tax to cities and counties Federal - Buy American products and manufacturing



FW1 Pipeline Construction





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FW3A Pipeline Construction



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100% Design Complete



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Thank You! ENMWUA

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