Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District DRY GULCH RESERVOIR PROJECT – LAND ACQUISITION



View to the northeast of subject. Forest Service and BLM Land in background

Project Description

District serves 9,500 residents in the 100 sq. mile service area. Drought and demand from growth is requiring additional storage. Growth projections estimated the need for a 35,000 AF reservoir to meet demand through 2100. Dry Gulch site was the only reasonably valued site available due to land development in the area. The primary source of water for the Reservoir will be pumping water from the San Juan River. The CWCB loan was be used to purchase one of two parcels of land needed to begin the process of designing a reservoir. Construction was expected to start in 2020 however due to the downturn in the economy and a change in the direction of the Board of Directors, the Project has been terminally placed on hold without purchasing the second parcel of land. A request from the District to set a Substantial Completion date of October 1, 2012 was granted by staff and supported by the CWCB Board at the September 2012 meeting.

Project Data

Sponsor: Pagosa Area W&S District County: Archuleta Water Source: San Juan River

Terms of Loan: \$11,217,060 for 30 years @ 3.5% Substantial Completion: October 1, 2012

Design Engineer: Harris Engineering, Durango and MWH Americas, Inc. Denver

Contractor: N/A

Project Elements: Weber parcel appraised by Walters & Mullins for \$10,525,000. District closed on the property on January 2008.