

**COLORADO**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

## Colorado Water Conservation Board

**Water Plan****Water Project Summary**

Name of Applicant	San Juan Resource Conservation and Development
Name of Water Project	Animas River Plan Phase 2
Grant Request Amount	<b>\$305,827.00</b>
Primary Category	\$305,827.00
<i>Watershed Health &amp; Recreation</i>	
Total Applicant Match	<b>\$23,640.00</b>
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>	\$0.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>	\$23,640.00
Total Other Sources of Funding	<b>\$142,223.00</b>
<i>The Nature Conservancy</i>	\$11,280.00
<i>Fort Lewis College</i>	\$11,280.00
<i>River Network</i>	\$13,080.00
<i>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment</i>	\$77,123.00
<i>Southwestern Water Conservation District</i>	\$15,521.00
<i>River Network</i>	\$4,860.00
<i>River Network</i>	\$2,240.00
<i>The Nature Conservancy</i>	\$4,199.00
<i>Fort Lewis College</i>	\$2,640.00
Total Project Cost	<b>\$471,690.00</b>

**Applicant & Grantee Information**

Name of Grantee: San Juan Resource Conservation and Development

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**Description of Grantee/Applicant**

No description provided

### Type of Eligible Entity

- ☐ Public (Government)
- ☐ Public (District)
- ☐ Public (Municipality)
- ☐ Ditch Company
- ☐ Private Incorporated
- ☐ Private Individual, Partnership, or Sole Proprietor
- ☒ Non-governmental Organization
- ☐ Covered Entity
- ☐ Other

### Category of Water Project

- ☐ Agricultural Projects  
*Developing communications materials that specifically work with and educate the agricultural community on headwater restoration, identifying the state of the science of this type of work to assist agricultural users among others.*
- ☐ Conservation & Land Use Planning  
*Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.*
- ☐ Engagement & Innovation Activities  
*Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website.*
- ☒ Watershed Restoration & Recreation  
*Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.*
- ☐ Water Storage & Supply  
*Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial aquifer recharge, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed capacity and Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.*

### Location of Water Project

Latitude	37.274730
Longitude	-107.884010
Lat Long Flag	Stream location: Coordinates based on general location on stream
Water Source	Animas River
Basins	Southwest
Counties	La Plata
Districts	30-Animas River Basin

### Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type

Type of Water Project	Planning
Scheduled Start Date - Design	1/1/2025
Scheduled Start Date - Construction	6/30/2027

Description

In 2022 the Animas Watershed Partnership with participation from community partners and stakeholders, evaluated the potential for a watershed plan within the Animas River watershed. This evaluation, Phase 1, determined the community and stakeholders supported development of a watershed plan herein known as the

Animas River Plan (aka Plan).

Stakeholders defined the geographic scope of the Plan to be the Animas River from approximately Bakers Bridge (County Road 250 at the north end of the Animas Valley) to the Colorado and New Mexico State line and will include areas managed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Stakeholders developed sideboards to help guide implementation of the Plan throughout its many phases.

This next phase has the following objectives. First, the phase will continue to be stakeholder driven with wide ranging community involvement and support while utilizing the best available data for decision making. Secondly, this phase will identify project opportunities and address identified data gaps. Third, the Plan will be drafted through a comprehensive analysis of data and stakeholder input, which identifies the goals and objectives of this effort and positions stakeholders to leverage resources and implement projects. Finally, stakeholders will use the Plan to select and prioritize potential projects for implementation.

### Measurable Results

New Storage Created (acre-feet)

New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive

Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)

New Storage Created (acre-feet)

Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)

Length of Pipe, Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)

Efficiency Savings (dollars/year)

Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year)

Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)

Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)

Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning

70 Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Other

This planning process to date has engaged with over 70 stakeholders in the Animas River basin.

### Water Project Justification

This project will help further numerous goals in both the Colorado Water Plan (CWP) and the Southwest Basin Implementation Plan (BIP). This project supports multiple Agency Actions identified in the CWP under the Thriving Watersheds action area. These actions are 3.6 - Enhance use of Water Plan grant funding for watersheds, environment, and recreation; 3.9 - Create a framework for prioritizing stream health with local stakeholders; and 3.10 - Integrate and facilitate access to water-dependent, native species data.

For the BIP, this project supports the goals to meet recreational water needs, environmental water needs, and promote healthy watersheds. Through a collaborative stakeholder process, AWP will also meet the goal of balancing needs and reducing conflict amongst stakeholders and water users within the Animas River Basin.

### Related Studies

This is the second phase of work for AWP in developing a watershed plan. In the first phase, which was partially funded through CWCB, stakeholders defined the purpose and scope of the River Plan document. During this phase, an Animas River Data Gaps Analysis Report and Stakeholder Assessment were completed.

### Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Not applicable