



Project Description

The Cedar Mesa Ditch Company was incorporated in 1898 and diverts irrigation water to 1,043 acres to raise cattle, hay and fruit. The ditch was an unlined canal that runs through Mancos shale for the lower 3.5 miles of the ditch. This section experienced significant water loss from seepage and created water quality issues in the Gunnison and Colorado River basins through leaching of salt from the underlying shale. The Company piped the lower 3.5 miles of the ditch that resulted in increases in safety and efficiency, while reducing maintenance costs. The project was funded primarily funded with NRCS EQIP grant funds, with remaining project funding coming from the WSRF and Water Plan Grant programs, the loan program, and a grant from the Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership program during construction.

P R O J E C T D A T A		
<i>Sponsor:</i> Cedar Mesa Ditch Company	<i>County:</i> Delta	<i>Water Source:</i> Surface Creek
<i>Type of Project:</i> Ditch Rehabilitation		<i>Board Approval Date:</i> September 2019
<i>Loan Terms: (Original)</i> \$1,359,460 @ 1.55% <i>(Final)</i> \$468,717.05 @ 1.55%		
<i>Design Engineer:</i> Robert I Gallegos P.E. LLC		
<i>Contractor:</i> Fritchman Excavation		