

Arkansas Valley Conduit and Long-Term Excess Capacity Master Contract Draft Environmental Impact Statement

We Invite Your Comments

As part of the public review process of the Draft Environment Impact Statement, written comments are welcome and are due to the Bureau of Reclamation by 5 p.m. October 30, 2012.

All comments become part of the public record.

(Please print clearly—thanks!)

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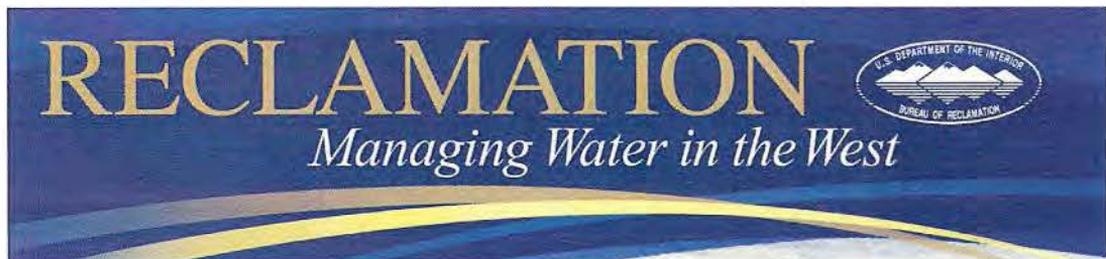
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If you'd like, you may use this form to provide your comments:

The City of Las Animas in Bent County, Colorado is a small economically challenged rural community consisting of approximately 2,500 citizens with a private prison. The City water source consists of 9 shallow alluvial wells that are approximately 30 feet deep. Source water has a very high concentration of minerals that make our water very hard and would not meet state drinking water standards. To solve this problem a Reverse Osmosis Plant was constructed, built and put in service in the last part of 1996 at a cost of approximately 2 million dollars. This Reverse Osmosis Plant has a very high demand of source water as currently can only re-capture 65% of water going through the plant. Reject water from the Reverse Osmosis Plant has the potential in the near future of creating regulatory issues with the receiving stream of the Arkansas Valley River. Electric costs of operating the Reverse Osmosis Plant are now approx. \$150,000 per year with operating cost increasing yearly. The Arkansas Valley Conduit would save the City thousands of dollars per year in operational cost as well as keeping us from regulatory issues that will be ongoing. Water demand would also be less for the City as we would not have reject water with the Conduit.

Please mail your comments to the address on the back or e-mail your comments to

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