WaterSMART Grants:
Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025

Bureau of Reclamation Funding Opportunity No. R24AS00059

Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company
Pressure Relief and Master Metering Improvements

January 14, 2025

Applicant:
Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company
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Date: February 14, 2025

Applicant Name: The Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company
Hotchkiss, Colorado 81419

Applicant Category: Category A

Project Summary

The project is located on Hanson Mesa, which is approximately one mile northeast of Hotchkiss in Delta County, Colorado. The Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company (HMDPC) purchases treated water from the Town of Hotchkiss (Town) and distributes the water through HMDPC infrastructure to its 90 shareholders. The project will consist of the purchase and installation of four new master meters and one pressure relief valve—improvements designed to enhance the water efficiency of the HMDPC system. These improvements are recommended in a Water System Analysis performed by the Applegate Group, Inc., water engineers, dated November 2024. The four additional master meters will be used to monitor key locations on the system to provide more reliable and efficient identification of water losses and better management of the overall system of pipes and meters. The pressure relief valve is necessary to provide pressure relief to the HMDPC system when the pressure reduction valves fail on the Town's system. Historically, these failures have increased the pressure on the HMDPC system in a manner that individual HMDPC users have experienced ruptured pipes, damaged appliances and water losses. It is also feared that historical and possible future high-pressure events stress the HMDPC system which could lead to future damage and water losses to the system.

Project Duration

The project should take approximately five months to complete, once contracting with the Bureau of Reclamation is complete.

Estimated Project Completion Date: June 2026

Located on Federal Facility: No

Project Location

The project is in Delta County, Colorado approximately one mile northeast of Hotchkiss. The project installations will all be within half mile of a point located at 38°48'49.9"N latitude and 107°42'39.6"W longitude.

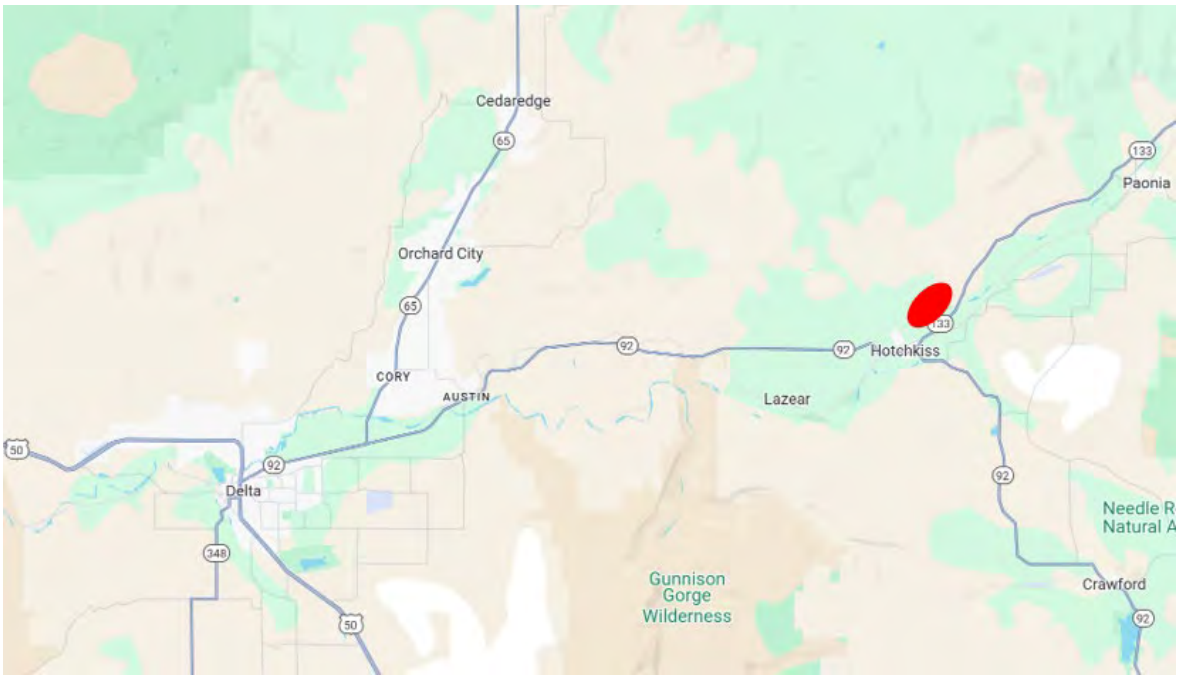


Figure 1 – Location of service area, regional view. Base map: Google maps

Figure 2 - General service area. Base map: Google maps

Technical Project Description

Vault for Three-Inch Master Meter and Three-Inch PRV: One new three-inch Mach 10 Master Meter and one new three-inch pressure relief valve (PRV) will be installed onto the existing four-inch PVC main line pipe at the approximate location of the intersection of Hanson Mesa Road and 3475 Road (at the coordinates given in the "Project Location" section immediately above). The three-inch master meter and the three-inch PRV and all appropriate fittings will be installed onto the four-inch line inside a pre-cast 68" X 52" X 61" concrete vault to be buried on location on a bedding of crushed rock. The fittings will include two shut-off valves at either end of the vault and a two-Inch bypass PVC pipe assembly. Approximately two to three cubic yards of material will be excavated using a trackhoe, placing the excavated materials to the side, clear of the road. After installation of the vault, meter, PRV and all associated parts, the removed material will then be replaced using a trackhoe and tamped around the new vault. Any excess material will be used to mitigate erosion or be removed. A 24-inch metal lid will be installed at the top of the vault with an appropriate locking mechanism.

3475 Road Vault and Two-Inch Master Meter: One new two-inch Mach 10 Master Meter will be installed onto the existing three-inch PVC pipe on north 3475 Road approximately 40 feet south of the newly installed three-inch meter and three-inch PRV. Approximately two to three cubic yards of material will be excavated using a trackhoe, placing the excavated materials to the side, clear of the road. An appropriately sized vault to accommodate the two-inch master meter, two shut-off ball valves, and other necessary fittings will be constructed and buried at this site. After installation of the vault, meter and associated parts, the removed material will be replaced using a trackhoe and tamped around the new vault. Any excess material will be used to mitigate erosion or be removed. A metal access lid with a locking mechanism will be installed on the vault.

East Hanson Mesa Road Vault and Two-Inch Master Meter: Another two-inch Mach 10 Master Meter will be installed on the existing three-inch PVC main line along Hanson Mesa Road at a location of approximately 38°49'00.6"N latitude and 107°42'00.3"W longitude (East Hanson Mesa Road). Approximately two to three cubic yards of material will need to be excavated using a trackhoe, placing the excavated materials to the side, clear of the road. An appropriately sized vault to accommodate the two-inch master meter, two shut-off ball valves, and other necessary fittings will be constructed and buried at this site. After installation of the vault, meter and associated parts, the removed material will be replaced using a trackhoe and tamped around the new vault. Any excess material will be used to mitigate erosion or be removed. A metal access lid with a locking mechanism will be installed on the vault.

3500 Road Vault and One and One-Half Inch Master Meter: Finally, one new 1.5-inch Mach 10 Master Meter will be installed on the existing 2.5 inch PVC line just south of Hanson Mesa Road on 3500 Road. The approximate location of this new master meter will be 38°48'56.4"N latitude and 107°42'23.7"W longitude. Approximately two to three cubic yards of material will be excavated using a trackhoe, placing the excavated material to the side, clear of the road. An appropriately sized vault to accommodate the 1.5 inch master meter, two shut-off ball valves

and other necessary fittings will be constructed and buried at this site. After installation of the vault, meter and associated parts, the removed material will be replaced using a trackhoe and tamped around the new vault. Any excess material will be used to mitigate erosion or be removed. A metal access lid with a locking mechanism will be installed on the vault.

Evaluation Criteria

E.1.1. Evaluation Criterion A – Project Benefits (35 points)

Benefits to the Category A Applicant's Water Delivery System: Describe the expected benefits to the Category A applicant's water delivery system. Address the following:

- Clearly explain the anticipated water management benefits to the Category A applicant's water supply delivery system and water customers. Consider:
  - Will the project result in more efficient management of the water supply?
    Yes. The addition of master flow meters in strategic locations will allow HMDPC to monitor and track water flow to the several segments of the distribution system. HMDPC can then compare this data to the sum of the associated individual meters to measure and track water loss in that segment. This monitoring will provide baseline data as well as help to focus efforts to decrease water loss and improve delivery efficiency to specific segments.

  - Where any conserved water as a result of the project will go and how it will be used?
    Conserved water will remain in the Town's water system. This community is an underserved and drought-stressed community. Conserved water will add to drought resiliency for community health and fire suppression.

- Explain the significance of the anticipated water management benefits for the Category A applicant's water delivery system and customers. Consider:
  - Are customers not currently getting their full water right at certain times of year?
    Water restrictions are in place nearly every summer in this area due to ongoing drought conditions.

  - Does this project have the potential to prevent lawsuits or water calls?
    There are no known potential lawsuits or likely water calls, but it is HMDPC's intention to be a good steward of water resources in collaboration and partnership with our water supplier.

  - What are the consequences of not making the improvement?
    Without the planned improvements, the system may continue to struggle at times to identify correctable water losses, both large and small, and repair them in a reasonable timeframe to prevent massive water loss. Without the addition of a pressure relief valve, we will continue to be at risk of pressure surges and the potential for system and tap holder infrastructure damage and unnecessary water loss.

- Are customer water restrictions currently required?
  Most summers HMDPC requires voluntary water use restrictions in cooperation with the Town. According to the Town's water manager, water restrictions have been in place at least seven out of the past 10 years during the warmer months. These voluntary restrictions put users on notice that they need to limit outdoor use and the possibility of a mandatory water restriction.

- Other significant concerns that support the need for the project.
  None known.

Broader Benefits: Describe the broader benefits that are expected to occur as a result of the project. Consider:
Will the project improve broader water supply reliability at sub-basin or basin scale?

- Will the proposed project increase collaboration and information sharing among water managers in the region? Please explain.
  HMDPC has great working relationships with the Town's water managers and already share information. These improvements will increase the data available to better collaborate with the Town to more efficiently distribute water.

- Is the project in an area that is experiencing, or recently experienced, drought or water scarcity? Will the project help address drought conditions at the sub-basin or basin scale? Please explain.
  Yes, this project is in an area of long-term drought (western Colorado) with risks for extreme water scarcity at times. This project attempts to improve the efficiency and reliability of water delivery to our 90 shareholders (85 active tap holders).

  Hotchkiss is in an area of Delta County that is experiencing severe drought, with 2002, 2012, 2018, and 2020 being some of the driest on record.[1] The drought is expected to persist in the area for at least the next several years. Delta County is also designated in drought by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.[2] This project attempts to improve the efficiency and reliability of water delivery to 90 shareholders (85 active tap holders).

- Will the project benefit species (e.g., federally threatened or endangered, a federally recognized candidate species, a state listed species, or a species of particular recreational, or economic importance)? Please explain.
  We know of no specific benefit to local fauna. Not applicable to this project.

- Will the proposed project positively impacts/benefit various sectors and economies within the applicable geographic area (e.g., impacts to agriculture, environment, recreation, and tourism)? Please explain.

[1] Rettig, Patricia, Colorado Water History, Colorado State University, accessed on October 10, 2023.

[2] USDA Designates 64 Colorado Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas, United States Department of Agriculture, accessed on October 15, 2023.

Of the 85 active taps on the HMDPC system there are about 30 local agricultural businesses including flower and vegetable farms and livestock enterprises. These businesses are a core part of the local economy and depend on the reliability of the water system particularly at times of the year when irrigation water is unavailable.

- Will the project complement work being done in coordination with NRCS in the area (e.g., the area with a direct connection to the districts water supply)? Please explain.
  There is at least one completed NRCS project serving the same geography, the Powell Mesa Water Distribution Association, which was completed about 15 years ago. This project improved distribution of Fire Mountain Canal water to about 15 landowners through improved control, accuracy, and efficiency of water delivery for crop irrigation systems. This project reduced property owners' need to use domestic water for irrigation purposes. This Pressure Relief and Master Metering Improvements project will complement the NRCS project in continuing water efficiency improvements in the area improving resiliency.

E.1.2. Evaluation Criterion B – Planning Efforts Supporting the Project (25 points)

Plan Description and Objectives: Is your project supported by a specific planning document or effort? If so, describe the existing plan. When was the plan developed? What is the purpose and objective of the plan?

The HMDPC Board contracted with Applegate Group, Inc., for a water modeling project in the spring of 2024. This was in response to various pipeline failures, over pressuring events, and unaccounted for chronic water losses. This project has been completed, titled Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Co. Water System Evaluation November 2024[3]. This project is based on some of the system improvements recommended in this report.

Plan Development: Who developed the planning effort? What is the geographic scope of the plan? If the planning effort was not developed by the Category A applicant, describe the Category A applicant's involvement in developing the planning effort.

The HMDPC Board partnered with the Applegate Group, Inc., a local company specializing in water resources and engineering, to develop this plan for the HMDPC service area. The project started in the spring of 2024 and was completed in November 2024.

Support for the Project: Describe to what extent the proposed project is supported by the identified plan. Consider:

- Is the project identified specifically by name and location in the planning effort?
  In the HMDPC Water System Evaluation November 2024 report, this project is described in the System Improvements section, under Additional Valves and Additional Meters.[4] Note that after the report was finalized, the HMDPC Board met with the Applegate Group engineer to determine the ideal locations for the Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV). This was determined to be the most easterly location of the two proposed locations in the report

[3] Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Co. Water System Evaluation, November 2024. Applegate Group, Inc.
[4] Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Co. Water System Evaluation, November 2024. Applegate Group, Inc. Page 8.

due to various factors like pipe size transition, drainage capability, and access. In addition, it was determined that the three-inch meter and the PRV could be placed in the same pit which would save costs and limit land disturbance.

- Is this type of project identified in the planning effort? Yes

- Explain whether the proposed project implements a goal, objective, or addresses a need or problem identified in the existing planning effort?
  The HMDPC Board priorities specifically include managing our system for reliability and efficiency. The proposed improvements specifically address these priorities. The Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Co. Water System Evaluation November 2024 report identified water loss as a problem. For example, "In 2022, a large leak downstream of Master Meter 2 amounted to a loss of approximately 442,000 gallons, and a leak downstream of Master Meter 1 resulted in over 600,000 gallons lost over a two-month period. This is more than the total annual use in the system."[5] The report also notes the pressure fluctuations and issues from the supplier of the water and stress that the fluctuations put on the distribution infrastructure.

- Explain how the proposed project has been determined as a priority in the existing planning effort as opposed to other potential projects/measures.
  The HMDPC Water System Evaluation November 2024 report recommended a few system improvements, including improved flow monitoring and over pressuring control. The HMDPC Board identified improved flow monitoring and over pressuring control as the top priorities so they can more efficiently and effectively manage water distribution.

E.1.3. Evaluation Criterion C – Implementation and Results (20 Points)

- Describe the implementation plan for the proposed project. Please include an estimated project schedule that shows the stages and duration of the proposed work, including major tasks, milestones, and dates.
  This project will be implemented starting in early 2026 (after January 14, 2026) and should be finished about five months after contracting is completed.
  - January 2026: Contracting with Bureau of Reclamation finalized.
  - February to March 2026: Solicit bids, select qualified contractor and finalize agreements.
  - April to May 2026: Construction. Once started, construction should take about a week or two but will be weather dependent.
  - June 2026: Close out project.

[5] Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Co. Water System Evaluation, November 2024. Applegate Group, Inc. Page 4.

- Describe any permits and agency approvals that will be required along with the process and timeframe for obtaining such permits or approvals.
  No permits or agency approvals are needed to complete the project. HMDPC has the necessary easements and authority to improve their infrastructure as needed and will coordinate with Delta County for any temporary and partial road closure needs.

- Identify and describe any engineering or design work performed specifically in support of the proposed project. What level of engineering design is the project currently? If additional design is required, describe the planned process and timeline for completing the design.
  The Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Co. Water System Evaluation November 2024 report includes the details for this project. This study provides the proposed location for each improvement and a description of each improvement. No detailed design or engineering is necessary for the installation of the improvements. To the extent additional design or engineering is required, Applegate Group, Inc. will be contacted to perform the same.

- Does the applicant have access to the land or water source where the project is located? Has the applicant obtained any easements that are required for the project? If the applicant does not yet have permission to access the project location, describe the process and timeframe for obtaining such permission.
  HMDPC has legal access to all lands involved in the project. The project incorporates additional devices to the existing HMDPC distribution infrastructure which includes piping systems located on easements obtained from private landowners and upon a recorded underground installation permit from Delta County where unincorporated county lands are involved.

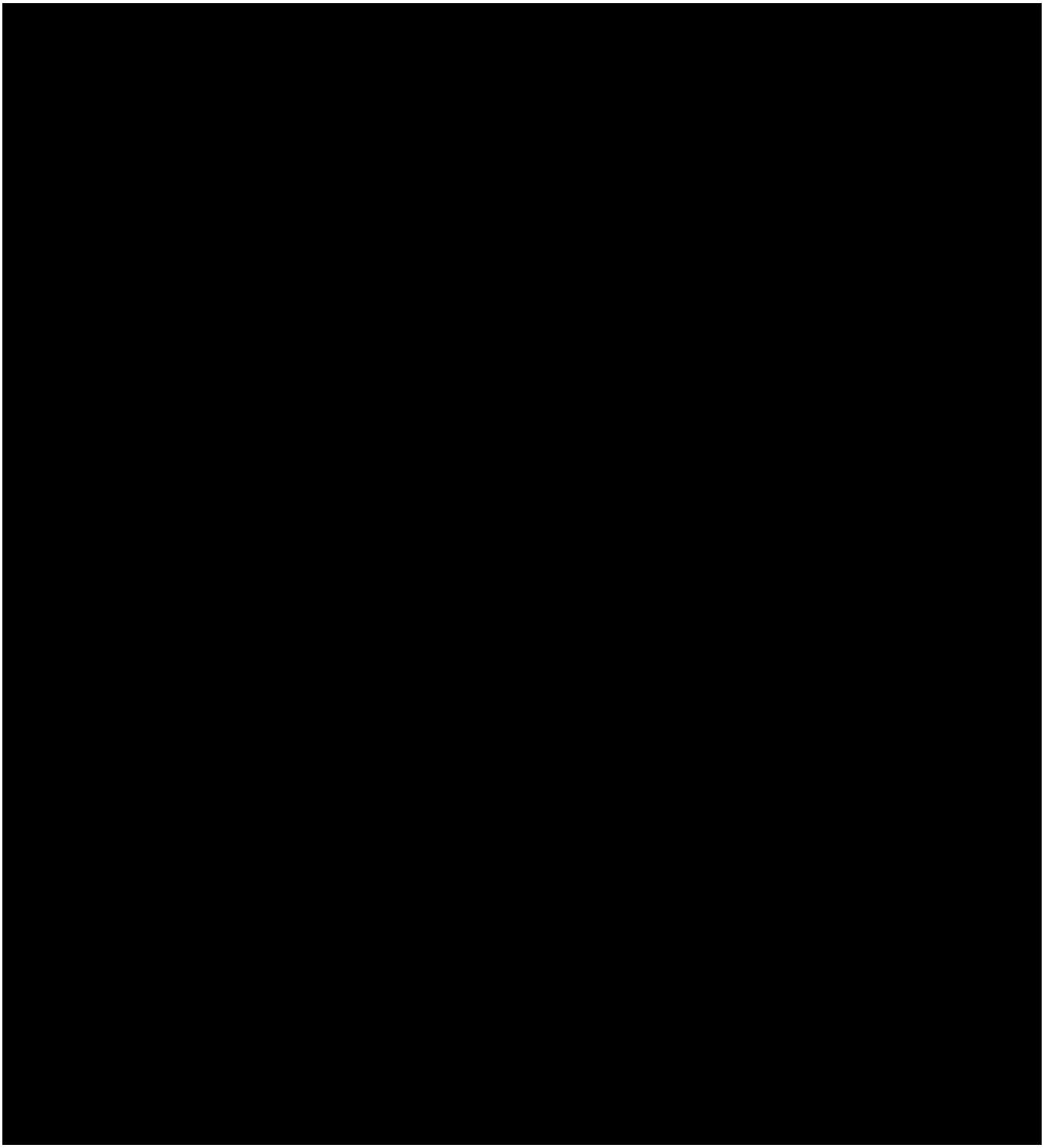
- Identify whether the applicant has contacted the local Reclamation office to discuss the potential environmental and cultural resource compliance requirements for the project and the associated costs. Has a line item been included in the budget for costs associated with compliance? If a contractor will need to complete some of the compliance activities, separate line items should be included in the budget for Reclamation's costs and the contractor's costs.
  The project will have minimal temporary impacts during the construction phase of the project, including disturbance of soil and dust in the air. The limits of disturbance in the construction area are devoid of trees, so no trees will be impacted. When construction is complete, there will be no lasting impacts. Cultural resource evaluations of the project area have not been completed at this time. However, given the nature of the proposed project, no impacts to historic or cultural resources are anticipated.

E.1.4. Evaluation Criterion D – Nexus to Reclamation (5 points)

Is the proposed project connected to a Reclamation project or activity? If so, how? Please consider the following:

- Does the applicant have a water service, repayment, or operations and maintenance (O&M) contract with Reclamation? No

- If the applicant is not a Reclamation contractor, does the applicant receive Reclamation water through a Reclamation contractor or by any other contractual means? No
- Will the proposed work benefit a Reclamation Project area or activity? No



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Budget Narrative

Summary of Non-Federal and Federal Funding Sources

Funding Source	Amount
Non-Federal Funding - HMDPC	$35,792.90
Requested BOR Funding	$35,792.90
Total Project Funding	**$71,585.80**

Budget Summary

Budget Object Category	Cost	Narrative
a. Personnel	$0	N/A
b. Fringe Benefits	$0	N/A
c. Travel	$0	N/A
d. Equipment	$0	N/A
e. Supplies	$0	N/A
f. Contractual	$0	N/A
g. Construction		
Materials		*This includes all materials needed for the project listed in the left column below. Costs were derived from the Water System Evaluation report by Applegate Engineering and discussions with a contractor.*
One 3" Mach 10 meter and fittings	*$3,960.00*	
One 3" PRV and fittings	*$6,050.00*	
Two 2" Mach 10 meters and fittings	*$3,300.00*	
One 1.5" Mach 10 meter and fittings	*$1,650.00*	
One Vault for the 3" meter and 3" PRV	*$6,270.00*	*This includes the precast concrete vault, crushed rock for vault bedding, two shut-off valves, 2" bypass pipe assembly, two flanges, and locking lid.*
Three Vaults, one each for the two 2" meters and the one 1.5" meter	*$11,550.00*	*This includes three precast concrete vaults and locking lids. Also included are two ball shut-off valves for each of the three vaults.*

Budget Object Category	Cost	Narrative
Contractual		*This includes labor to excavate, install the vaults, PRV, meters, associated parts and fittings, backfill, and install the locking lids on the vaults. Equipment costs for a backhoe are included here as the equipment will be owned/rented by the contractor. Costs were derived from the Water System Evaluation report by Applegate Engineering and discussions with a contractor.*
Vault, 3" Meter, 3" PRV and all associated parts	*$4,320.00*	
Three Vaults, two 2" meters, one 1.5" meter, and all associated parts	*$12,960.00*	
h. Other Direct Costs	$15,018.00	This includes a 30% contingency to account for construction costs are currently incredibly volatile.
i. Total Direct Costs	$65,078.00	Sum of items a-h.
j. Indirect Charges	$6,507.80	The applicant has never received a Federal negotiated indirect cost rate so indirect costs were calculated using the 10% de minimis rate specified in the NOFO. HMDPC understands this rate has increased to 15% and prefers to use that if possible. This will be used to pay a grant manager/project manager as HMDPC only has one part-time contracted employee. Federal funding will be used to pay half of this amount.
Total Project Costs	**$71,585.80**	

Environmental and Cultural Resources Compliance

- Will the proposed project impact the surrounding environment (e.g., soil [dust], air, water [quality and quantity], animal habitat)? Please briefly describe all earth-disturbing work and any work that will affect the air, water, or animal habitat in the project area. Please also explain the impacts of such work on the surrounding environment and any steps that could be taken to minimize the impacts.

  Impact on the surrounding environment is expected to be minimal. There will be four vaults installed to place the four meters and PRV which should take about a week or two. This will require excavation of about two to three cubic yards of dirt for each of the four vaults. Removed soil will be used in the area to mitigate any potential erosion issues or be removed. All four vaults will be installed along existing water distribution lines, all within road rights of way.

- Are you aware of any species listed or proposed to be listed as a Federal threatened or endangered species, or designated critical habitat in the project area? If so, would they be affected by any activities associated with the proposed project?

  We know of no threatened or endangered species or critical habitat in our project area.

- Are there wetlands or other surface waters inside the project boundaries that potentially fall under CWA jurisdiction as "Waters of the United States"? If so, please describe and estimate any impacts the proposed project may have.
  There is an intermittent irrigation water drainage area known as "Short Draw" through which our initial stretch of six-inch pipe passes. Our pipe is six feet deep through that area. There is no proposed disruption or change of any kind in this area.

- When was the water delivery system constructed?
  Original construction was done in 1968. A 4900 foot length of 4 inch pipe was replaced with six inch pipe in 1984.

- Will the proposed project result in any modification of or effects to, individual features of an irrigation system (e.g., headgates, canals, or flumes)? If so, state when those features were constructed and describe the nature and timing of any extensive alterations or modifications to those features completed previously.
  No. The preferred location for the pressure relief valve, if activated, will release water into the natural drainage.

- Are any buildings, structures, or features in the irrigation district listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places? A cultural resources specialist at your local Reclamation office or the State Historic Preservation Office can assist in answering this question.
  There are no known structures or features with any historical significance near the several small locations for the proposed installation of four meters and pressure relief valve.

- Are there any known archeological sites in the proposed project area?
  There are no known archeological sites near the proposed project.

- Will the proposed project have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations?
  No. This project will have no potential adverse effects on any population in the area.

- Will the proposed project limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites or result in other impacts on tribal lands?
  No. There are no tribal lands near the proposed project.

- Will the proposed project contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area?
  No. There is minimal excavation planned.

Required Permits or Approvals

HMDPC has necessary easements and a road permit with Delta County to be able to complete this project. HMDPC will work with the county if any temporary road closures are needed.

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement

There is no overlap between the proposed project and any other active or anticipated proposals or projects in terms of activities, costs, or commitment of key personnel. No duplicative proposals or projects are known.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

There is no known actual or potential conflict of interest. If awarded this grant, HMDPC will not use any of the funds for lobbying activities.

Uniform Audit Reporting Statement

HMDPC was not required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

N/A - HMDPC is not requesting more than $100,000 for this project and will not use any awarded funds for lobbying.

SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

N/A

Letters of Support

Letters of support are included below in Appendix A.

Official Resolution

HMDPC Board of Directors will adopt an official resolution approving this project upon grant award.

Letters of Funding Commitment

All cost share funding will be provided by HMDPC.

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Mayor

GINGER R REDDEN
Town Clerk

January 9, 2025

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Commissioner Calimlim Touton,

The Town of Hotchkiss is writing to support the Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company's (HMDPC) application for funding to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 (NOFA No. R24AS00059)

The Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company's project is imperative for the future health and wellbeing for the residents and businesses in this service area, just outside of Hotchkiss, Colorado. HMDPC provides the sole source of potable water for ninety (90) shareholders through the distribution of water treated by the Town of Hotchkiss. The proposed project will enhance the efficiency of water distribution and benefit all users within the Town of Hotchkiss' water distribution area.

HMDPC is requesting a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale WaterEfficiency Projects to support the efficiency of their distribution system through the purchase and installation of four (4) new Master Meters and one pressure relief valve. I strongly support this application and appreciate your consideration

Sincerely,

Jim Wingfield, Mayor

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Wendell A. Koontz, Delta County Commissioner

December 9, 2024

RE: Letter of Support for Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner
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Washington, DC 20240-0001

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Wendell A. Koontz
Delta County Commissioner

January 10, 2025

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Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning provides programs and services that address the needs of the people in our six-county region, are cost-effective, reduce the burden of local governments, leverage available resources, and support our charitable status.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Haynes,
Executive Director

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 20, 2024

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Dear Commissioner Calimlim Touton,

We are writing to support the Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company's (HMDPC) application for funding to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects. If awarded, funding will support the purchase and installation of four new master meters and one pressure relief valve designed to enhance the water efficiency of the HMDPC system.

HMDPC provides the sole source of potable water for 90 shareholders, distributing water treated by the town of Hotchkiss. The proposed project aims to enhance the efficiency and resiliency of the domestic water distribution system. Through implementing improvements that enable early leak detection, the project will facilitate quick repairs to reduce water loss. These repairs will also reduce the system's vulnerabilities to the pressure fluctuations from the Town of Hotchkiss' system. Increased water efficiency will improve water availability for the remaining users on the system and help address the persistent drought conditions in Colorado.

We encourage you to give Hanson Mesa Domestic Pipeline Company's application your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,

John Hickenlooper
United States Senator