



Mancos Water Conservancy District

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Jackson Gulch Reservoir

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1996-1998: The inlet canal began to slide into the canyon. This brought to the front a multitude of problems that had happened and/or were going to happen due to the natural deterioration of the 50-year-old project. Failure of the canal system on the canyon was **IMMINENT**. However, the financial responsibility was all on the shoulders of just the WATER USERS because they were the only ones we could raise rates on.

2003: MWCD secured \$2 million loan (MWCD came to the \$2 million as the most the DISTRICT MEMBERS could provide.) from State of CO to pay required engineering report.

2004: Engineering Report = \$8.25 million for entire canal rehabilitation.

- Funding sources: mill levy increase (passed 2005), water user increase (annually beginning 2005), federal funding, grants, etc.

2005:

- *Rehabilitation:* Began the most crucial repair of the canal system...canal lining, measuring devices, re-establish road, lids built and placed, cleared top of existing concrete flume lids, cleared rock threats off hillside, etc.

- *Funding:* Applied for earmarks, searched for other sources of federal funding.

2006: Reclamation stated in writing they would not help financially and would not put any amount in their budget. Realization and necessity of authorization for funding through Public Law.

2009: PL 111-11 authorizing up to \$8.25 million was passed. Opened avenue for appropriations.

2010: Received an earmark - \$1.75 million. Signed repayment contract with Bu/Rec to receive and spend funding. Once earmark was spent, audit done by Bu/Rec and all expenditures approved.

2011: Earmarks canceled.

2012-present: Annually request continued appropriations of the remaining \$8.25 million from Bu/Rec.

2016: Fiscal year 2019 MWCD requested \$1.2 million

2019: \$850,000 appropriated and available through Bu/Rec

2014: Finalized loan with State, no further federal appropriations. Rehabilitation came to halt.

PL 111-11:

- States MWCD will receive credit for expenditures prior to PL11-111. (Remains outstanding-\$109,015.09 per Bu/Rec audit)
- Also states MWCD is responsible for 35% of the TOTAL (\$8.25 million) cost of the rehabilitation project.

2017: Bu/Rec informed MWCD repayment contract was invalid due to their interpretation of the language and we could not receive credit for any of our expenditures AFTER passage of PL 111-11. (Meaning: 2011 to present we are not allowed to receive **credit** for our expenditures in spite of the language in PL 111-11 due to the interpretation.) The amount of the credit is \$815,745 +/-.

Note: Due to the interpretation, MWCD is now responsible for 56% repayment.

- 2018: Amendment for PL 111-11 to correct the interpretation and allow credit (not reimbursement).
- 2019: S860 waiting for approval on floor of Senate.



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