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Gregory S. Shaffer
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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 8, 2026

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Scott Kaseman, Project Manager III

Via: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Manager
Leandro Cordova, Deputy County Manager
Brian Snyder, Public Works Department Director
Phillip “PJ” Montano, Facilities & Projects Division Director
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Subject: **January 27, 2026, BCC Meeting**
Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System Quarterly Report for December 31, 2025

QUARTERLY REPORT Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System December 31, 2025

The Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System (PBRWS) is the product of the AAMODT Settlement Agreement, which was reached between the United States of America, the State of New Mexico, Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe and the Pueblos of San Ildefonso, Nambe, Pojoaque, and Tesuque.

The System is currently being designed and constructed by the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation and will have the capacity to deliver water from the Rio Grande to the four Pueblos and non-Pueblo customers in the Pojoaque Basin and Santa Fe County.

- Water will be diverted from the Rio Grande on Pueblo of San Ildefonso land above Otowi gauge.
- The PBRWS will provide up to 2,500 acre feet of water per year for consumptive use with the ability to expand in the future.
- The Bureau of Reclamation will build the system. The Regional Water System will consist of:
 - A Water Treatment Plant to treat water to meet Safe Drinking Water Act standards
 - 22 water storage tanks and 6 pump stations
 - A 4-mile-long raw water pipeline from the Rio Grande to the WTP
 - Potable water transmission and distribution system consisting of 151 miles of pipelines
 - Approximately 7 miles of new power lines or upgrade of existing lines

Design & Construction Status

Phase 1 is 100% designed and construction is 65% complete based on BOR expenditures as of November 30, 2025. The Estimated Completion Date is August 2027.

Activity:

- Water Treatment Plant Main Building and Raw Water Transmission Pipelines
- Collector Wells, Mechanical & Engineering (M/E) Building (Complete)
- Construction of Caissons for Collector Well (Complete)
- Pipe from Collector Wells to Mechanical/Electrical Building; (Complete)
- Electric duct bank from CWs towards the Mechanical/Electrical Building; (Complete)
- Access roads from M/E building to CWs (Complete)

Phase 2 Stage 1 is 100% designed. BOR only received 1 bid to construct Stage 1 that was more than double the engineer's cost estimate. Stages 1 and 2 will be combined into 1 bid package to hopefully encourage multiple larger contractors to bid on the project and provide better pricing.

Phase 2 Stage 2 design plans are at 90%. The plans were reviewed by the County and Pueblos and comments provided to the engineers. Additional value engineering is being conducted to determine if the scope of work can be scaled back sufficiently to construct Phase 2 with the available budget and still meet the current demands of the intended service area. BOR estimates award for engineering services in June 2026.

Phase 3 is at 30% design requiring input from the County as to location of the distribution lines based on landowner participation in the system. Staff are analyzing Well Election data and Survey results from the Office of the State Engineer to help make these determinations.

Easement Acquisition Status

Phase 1 – Approximately 60 Easements required - ROW Acquisition Consultant under contract and acquiring easements.

Phase 2 Stage 1– On hold pending realignment feasibility during Phase 2 value engineering process.

Interconnect and Reverse Flow Between PBRWS and Rest of County Water Utility

A “T” junction has been designed into the Project near the Village of Tesuque to allow the PBRWS to connect with the Santa Fe Basin Water System. The County granted Bohannon Huston Inc. Notice to Proceed with engineering services to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report to determine the best connection point with the Santa Fe System, the alignment to connect with the “T” junction and the feasibility of the Reverse Flow Capability.

Benefits of Interconnect Between PBRWS and Rest of County Water Utility:

- Addresses critical need of the System regarding Water Quality

- o Disinfection byproducts (DBPs) can form if water sits in system for an extended period of time.
 - o Interconnect ensures water quality without waste by allowing water to be timely used.
- PBRWS Operational, Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement (OMRR) Costs
 - o *Initial* customer base in Pojoaque Basin is inadequate to support PBRWS’s OMRR Costs at reasonable rates.
 - o Interconnect allows up to 1,000 acre feet per year of County water to be used elsewhere in County until it is needed in the Pojoaque Basin.
 - o Interconnect provides non-Basin customers to help shoulder PBRWS’s OMRR Costs.
 - Future reverse flow enhancements will allow the rest of the County system to provide backup supply to PBRWS

Santa Fe County PBRWS Anticipated Costs

Santa Fe County 611(g) Contribution

	Total
Corrected 611(g) Amount Including Upsize of Line and Infrastructure to the Interconnect with the Santa Fe Basin Water System - Indexed to 2024 2025 County Contributions to Date	\$24,400,000.00 <u>\$ 14,431,250.00</u>
Outstanding Balance Due - Subject to Indexing	\$9,968,750.00

Interconnect with Santa Fe Basin Water System

	Total
Engineering Design & Oversight Services for Interconnect & Reverse Flow Connection To the Santa Fe Basin Water System	\$800,000.00
Construct Interconnect with Santa Fe Basin Water System & Reverse Flow Infrastructure	TBD

Phase 3 Distribution Lines & Connections

	Total
Phase 3 Distribution Lines & Connections (Deferred: 2018 Dollars)	\$24,000,000.00

Project Ceiling and Indexing Status

Previously, the BOR Project Ceiling was \$522,000,000.00. In October 2024, the Project Ceiling was indexed to \$734 million using a project specific index. Assuming 3.5% escalation per year, by 2026 the Ceiling is estimated to be \$777.5 million.

BOR continues to work with the County and other partners on the details of the project specific indexing, Project Ceiling, non-contract costs that BOR believes to be in addition to the Project Ceiling, and plans to address such non-contract costs (which are estimated to be substantial).

Partners Agreements Status

Counsel and staff for the County and Pueblos are finalizing the Operations Agreement and are preparing a schedule of all documents and activities necessary to assume control of the System. The Stakeholders are currently working to finalize the commissioning and transition plan for turning over operations to the Regional Water Authority once the system is complete.

Communications and Coordination Status

The County, Office of the State Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation and its contractor CDM Smith hosted 2 Open Houses in December in Tesuque and Pojoaque that were very well attended. Landowners received information and assistance with preparing the *Acceptance / Well Election Form* required to connect to the system once service is available. Additional Open Houses are planned for 2026 along with door-to-door canvassing to encourage landowners to connect to the system and provide construction notices.

County staff conduct biweekly meetings with BOR’s Project Managers, host multiple monthly meetings with all Project partners and attend the weekly on-site construction meeting at the Water Treatment Plant.

Additional PBRWS project and Aamodt Settlement information can be found here:

[Aamodt Settlement Agreement and Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System | Santa Fe County](#)

[Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System | Upper Colorado Region | Bureau of Reclamation](#)

Santa Fe County Point of Contact

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ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A – Bureau of Reclamation Quarterly Report

Exhibit B – Bureau of Reclamation Baseline Schedule

FWT06_RWA at STA 103+39.11 to 105+25.68 were completed by June and July 2025, respectively. While Jack & bore at FWT06_RWA - STA 157+16 to 162+00 was completed by August 2025. Jack & bore at FWD67_POJ - STA 157+16 to 162+00 was completed by September 2025. Construction of San Ildefonso East & West Distribution piping (#33-30) open cut works with FWD10_SAN at STA=10+00 to 73+09.39 has started in May 2025 and FWD16_SAN at STA=10+37.74 to 41+71.94 has started in August 2025. FWD46_SAN at -STA=10+42.47 to 76+01.15 has started in September 2025. Pojoaque South Distribution piping (33-60) open cut work with FWD60_POJ at STA 50+66 to 64+88 and FWD69_POJ at STA 50+66 to 67+96.99 started in November 2024 and are scheduled for completion in early/mid 2026.

Sites/Tanks:

Turtle Tank shoring installation and wall erection completed July 2025, with prestressing works completed August 2025, with walls and dome exterior coating application completed September 2025. Mechanical/appurtenances commenced August 2025, with Chlorination Building foundation and footings excavation completed September 2025. Concrete beam work at El Rancho Tank has started with pipe underground carbon steel pipe installation completed July 2025, and yard piping installation has begun as of September 2025. Pojoaque Industrial Park Pump Station equipment pads were completed in July 2025, with structural works and pre-engineered metal building installation beginning July 2025, scheduled for completion in early 2026.

Intake Site:

Construction of Intake Mechanical & Electrical Building at the Intake Area continues with pre-engineered metal building final installation completed in mid-2025. The remaining electrical work is forecasted to be completed around June 2026, while installation of well pumps is contingent upon completion of third-party electric utility proving permanent power route to intake site. The remaining site work activities including installation of gravel access road is planned to February 2027 to align with the completion with balance of construction.

Table 1. Aamodt project expenditures: FY25, Q4

FY25Qtr 4 Totals by Category	Labor	Denver TSC	Contracts	Oper. Expense	Total
Project/Contract Mgmt	\$368,661.60	\$53,103.00	\$1,455,001.46	(\$188,770.34)	\$1,687,995.72
Feasibility	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,679.36	\$2,679.36
Environmental Compliance	\$1,689.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,689.34
Lands/Realty	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,760.28	\$12,666.36	\$14,426.64
Design	\$138,385.96	\$130,343.46	\$29,216.00	(\$14,161.60)	\$283,783.82
Rio Tesuque	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
San Ildefonso	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,186,950.05	(\$7,922,250.18)	\$15,264,699.87
Total	\$508,736.90	\$183,446.46	\$24,672,927.79	(\$8,109,888.40)	\$17,255,222.75



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Subject: Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System (PBRWS) Quarterly Report – Fiscal Year (FY) 2025
Fourth Quarter (Q4)

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Thank you for your continued support for the PBRWS Project. The attached Aamodt expenditure report shows expenditures for the fourth quarter of FY 2025 for different categories which total \$17,255,222.75. Total Aamodt project expenditures through September 2025 were \$284,250,751.90. Approximately, \$231,900,000 out of \$357,500,000 has been invoiced by CDM Smith for Phase 1, through November 2025.

PBRWS Construction Status Update

Water Treatment Plant Site:

Construction of structural works continues with pre-engineered metal building final installation completed in May 2025 and finish coat application on structural steel is scheduled to be completed by/around the end of January 2026. Installation of interior walls is underway with completion in October 2025. Interior doors and windows completion scheduled November 2025. Mechanical equipment pads were completed in August 2025. Plumbing and interior finishes are underway with expected completion on/around March 2026. Fire Protection and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning work in ongoing with completion scheduled November 2025. Sanitary sewer pipe, storm drain pipe, RW line, Chem pipes and electrical duct-bank work is currently in progress followed by remaining yard piping, and hydrostatic testing work through end of March 2026. Grading/subgrade preparation work is underway and is also expected to complete in early 2026. The Finished Water Pump Station structural works and pre-engineered metal building installation was completed September 2025. The Chemical Storage Canopy floor grating works was completed in September 2025, with plumbing scheduled by October 2025. Raw Water Tanks 1 & 2 steel tank shell construction began February 2025 with expected completion with accessories in early 2026. Clearwell Tanks 1 & 2 steel tank shell construction began June 2025 and September 2025 respectively, with expected completion with accessories in mid-2026.

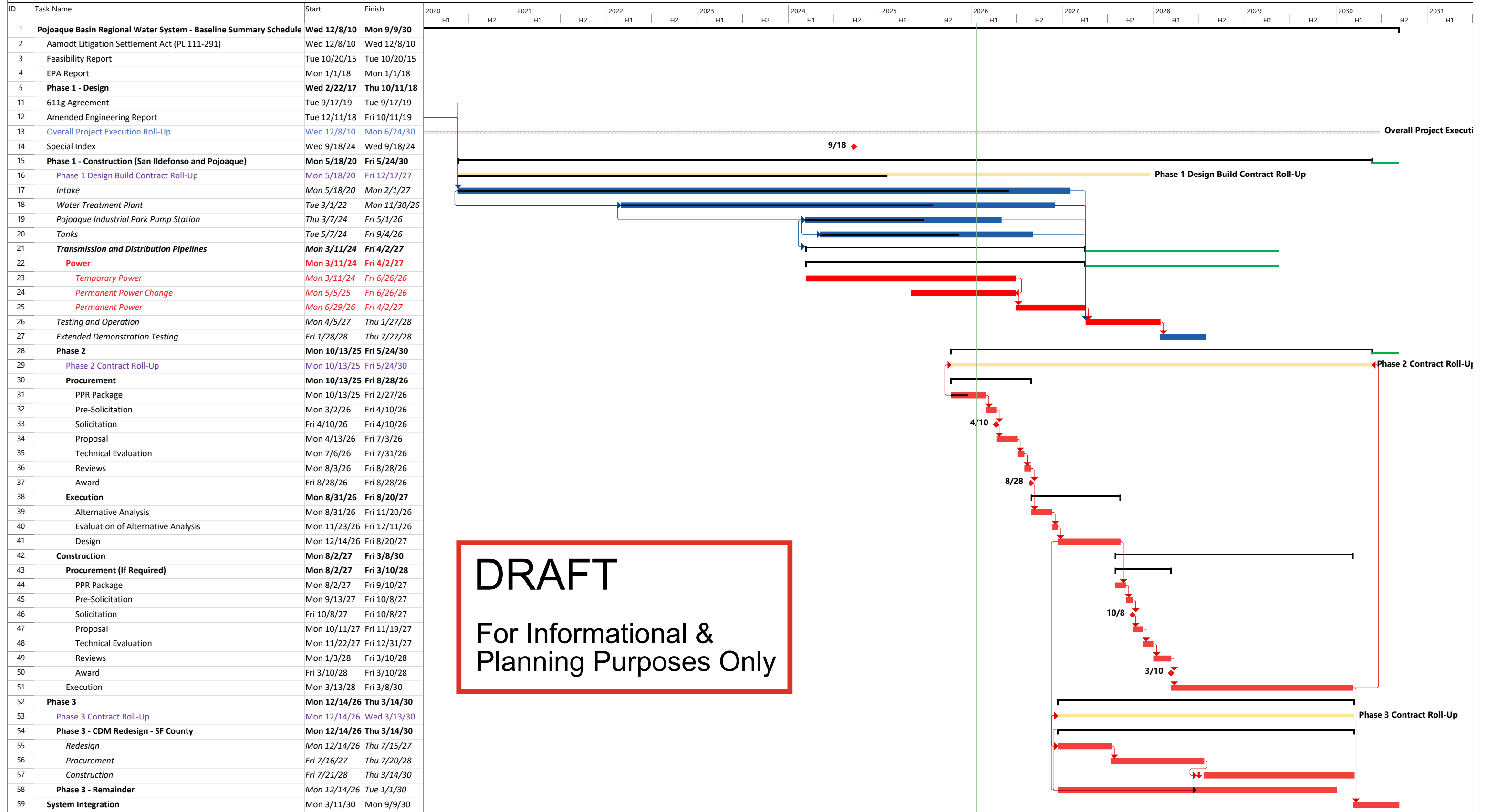
Transmission & Distribution Pipelines:

Jack & bore works at STA 79+40 to 80+20 was completed in September 2025. Open cut pipe installation at RWT01_RWA at STA=22+00 to 175+00 and NFC01_at STA=10+00 to 111+80 started in May 2025 and scheduled to complete December 2025. Open cut pipe installation at NFC01_RWA at STA=111+80 to 191+97 has started in September 2025. Jack & bore at FWD03_RWA - STA 83+30 and

Should you have any questions, please contact Albert (Albie) Day at (505) 917-2307 or email aday@usbr.gov. Individuals who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

Sincerely,

FOR Albert (Albie) Day
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