



**US Army Corps  
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Albuquerque District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date: April 3, 2023**  
**Comments Due: April 17, 2023**

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**SUBJECT:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District, (Corps) has conducted a Section 404(b)(1) analysis to evaluate impacts to approximately 2 miles of waters of the United States in the Farmers Mutual Ditch (acequia), available at: <https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Compliance-Documents/Environmental-Assessments-FONSI/> . This notice is to inform interested parties of the proposed activity and to solicit comments.

**AUTHORITY:** This application is being evaluated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States (U.S.).

**LOCATION:** The project site is located adjacent to the San Juan River, from latitude 36°44'15.41"N, longitude 108°15'13.44"W to latitude 36°43'48.53"N, longitude 108°17'24.36"W, west of Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project would be constructed under the Acequia Rehabilitation Program of Section 1113 of the Water Resources Act (WRDA) 1986 (P.L. 99-662). The Corps proposes to convert the open ditch to pipe. The overall project purpose is to provide a more reliable irrigation supply and to reduce maintenance costs associated with frequent rockslides impacting the open ditch. The project Environmental Assessment, available on the Albuquerque District website, provides additional details. See: [https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Portals/16/docs/environmental/fonsi/2020/FMD\\_DraftEA\\_12Aug2020.pdf?ver=2020-08-13-171411-107](https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Portals/16/docs/environmental/fonsi/2020/FMD_DraftEA_12Aug2020.pdf?ver=2020-08-13-171411-107)

**State Water Quality Certification:** The Corps has applied for water quality certification, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, from the New Mexico Environment Department.

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:** All comments pertaining to this 404(b)(1) analysis must reach this office on or before April 17, 2023. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the limiting date. Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

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