

District Manager's Report – February 2, 2023

A. Trinidad Reservoir and PRWCD Operations Report

- The total content of Trinidad Reservoir on January 31st was 22,116 acre-feet. A net increase of 1,188 acre-feet from the end of the previous month. This net increase is due to Non-Irrigation Season storage.
- The Project Account currently contains 3,940 acre-feet. An increase during December of 792 acre-feet.
- The Model Account currently contains 1,799 acre-feet. An increase during November of 396 acre-feet.
- The Joint Use Pool currently contains 2,939 acre-feet.
- The Permanent Fishery Pool currently contains 13,437 acre-feet.
- Purgatoire River computed inflows into Trinidad Reservoir averaged 19 cubic feet per second for the month of January. The long term average flows at this gage site for January are 23 cfs. Purgatoire River at Madrid stream gage flows were not used due to ice effects on the gage.
- January precipitation in Trinidad was 0.72 inches. Average January precipitation is 0.38 inches.
- No stock water release or other releases occurred from Trinidad Reservoir during January. Releases are being scheduled for March as work on the Baca/Picketwire Ditch diversion dam and erosion control wall continue.

B. NRCS Public Law 566 Seminar in Rocky Ford

The general manager was unable to attend this seminar as planned. Connie of the District, Julie Knudsen of the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership and Sammie Molinaro of the NRCS-Trinidad Office attended. Summary information regarding

this one afternoon seminar was provided to the board by Connie, Julie and Sammie.

General Information

The District received its annual operations, maintenance, and replacement invoice from the Corps of Engineers this week. Per this invoice this bill is due April 1. This invoice was for \$209,002. For several financial reasons of the District and the ditch companies, the District has requested an extension of the due date of this invoice until August 31st which date has been the due date for this invoice in recent years.

The District and the City of Trinidad continue discussions on the city's proposed conditional right of exchange from its WWTP upstream to Trinidad Reservoir. A settlement conference scheduled for January 25 was cancelled. Applicant is to provide a new proposed decree by February 8 with another settlement conference by February 28th.

The District did file its water court application for reasonable diligence on the remaining conditional portion of the District's Joint Use Water Storage right in Trinidad Reservoir on January 12, 2023. The case number is 23CW3000. Publication of the application will occur in February and with any statements of opposition due by March 31.

The Las Animas County Recreation planning committee met on January 17th in Trinidad. The general manager attended. Discussions involved economic analysis of various recreational development opportunities, priority of opportunities and next steps of more public engagement.

The general management did attend a meeting on February 1st with the City of Trinidad and other interested parties which was coordinated by the PWP regarding the removal of further sediment in the Purgatoire River channel upstream of the Baca/Picketwire Ditch diversion dam up to the Commercial Street bridge area.

The purpose of this effort is to improve river canal capacity throughout this river reach while also seeking to maintain an adequate fishery environment.