

PROTECTING YOUR WATER FUTURE

Mission Statement

The mission of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD or District) is to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin.

Service Area

Our service area includes about 100 square miles within Archuleta County, including the Town of Pagosa Springs and the surrounding areas. Over 90% of the population of Archuleta County resides within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

Board of Directors

The San Juan Water Conservancy District is governed by a 5-9 member Board of Directors who serve four-year terms. If you have an interest in water issues and are interested in serving as a volunteer on the Board, please submit a letter of interest to: Jeffrey R. Wilson, Chief Judge, Archuleta County Combined Courts, P.O. Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.



ABOUT US

The San Juan Water Conservancy District was formed by a vote of the electors in 1987. The District is a quasi-municipal corporation of the State of Colorado organized under C.R.S. §37-45-101 et seq. The Strategic Objectives of the District are:

- **DEMAND**

Determining the water needs (agricultural, municipal, environmental, and recreational) of the District, and how the San Juan River Headwaters Project and other projects might meet those needs.

- **EDUCATION**

Education of the community at large regarding critical water issues that face the District, the Southwest Basin of Colorado, and the Colorado River Basin.

- **PROGRAMS**

Conservation of our limited water resources through continued existing programs and initiation of new programs.

- **ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Ensuring the financial health and viability of the District through cost-effective asset management including, but not limited to the District's water rights and collaboration with existing and new partners.

- **OUTREACH**

Establishing a reputation of operational excellence through communication both internally and externally with partners and the public.

PROJECTS

- Water Demand and Supply Study
- The Lower Blanco River Restoration Project
- Public water education through the Water Information Program
- Advancing forest health through collaboration with the San Juan Forest Health Partnership and other organizations
- Snowpack enhancement through programs for cloud seeding
- Supporting the development of stream enhancement plans for the Upper San Juan River from its source to Navajo Lake
- Dry Gulch land purchase for potential use as a reservoir site through a partnership between the SJWCD, Colorado Water Conservation Board, and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District



Balancing use and conservation is difficult, delicate work. SJWCD is committed to ensuring the current and future agricultural, municipal, industrial, environmental and recreational water supply needs are met through the various conservation and water management strategies and methodologies available.