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SENATE COMMITTEE SIGNS OFF ON ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT *Senator Allard gets \$85 million for project in water infrastructure bill*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works voted Wednesday to include an amendment to a water infrastructure bill introduced by Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) that authorizes the expenditure of \$85 million for creation of the Arkansas Valley Conduit project. The provision provides this funding for the period of fiscal years 2005 through 2010.

“This is a triumph for the people of the lower Arkansas Valley who have waited more than four decades for this project,” said Senator Allard, a member of the committee.

When completed, the Arkansas Valley Conduit will supply 16 towns and 25 water agencies in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Prowers, Pueblo and Otero counties with clean, fresh water, serving a geographic area slightly larger than the state of New Hampshire.

“I am pleased that the water infrastructure bill is moving forward in a timely fashion, and that the legislation now includes this project that will be a critical component in our national water infrastructure once it is completed,” the Senator said.

In addition the Committee approved the Water Resources Development Act of 2004 (WRDA), which also includes language addressing the conduit. Senator Allard hopes to secure additional support for the conduit through WRDA as that legislation moves forward in the Senate.

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