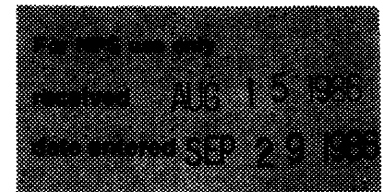


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#314 El Porvenir Community Ditch, ills. 122, 124, 134; Map 12.

Vic. Ensenada.

4. Owners: El Porvenir Community Ditch Association,
Tierra Amarilla NM 87575

7. Description: The general appearance and operation of area ditches described in the Description section above (pp. 60-1) applies to the El Porvenir Community Ditch. Dug as an addition to the Ensenada Ditch ca. 1894 and registered in the State Engineer's Office in file #0660, the ditch added irrigated acreage to the north side of Ensenada.

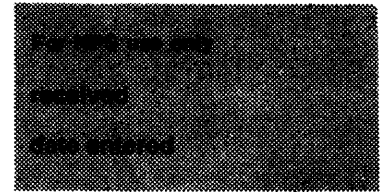
It diverts from Brazos River in a single ditch also serving Ensenada and Parkview Ditches 4.5 miles E of Ensenada; desague (or discharge point) 0.5 miles N of Ensenada where ditch drains back to Brazos River. Major features: concrete headgate; concrete, metal, and wooden lateral gates; total length: 3.7 miles; total acreage: 18 acres; irrigates: 580 acres; midway dimensions: bottom width 4', top width 7', depth 2'.

Since it is being nominated for its historic role in local governance and in the shaping of the cultural landscape (see Significance below) and not as an example of construction or engineering, the diversion dam, headgate and lateral gates, most of which are recent additions, are not recognized as historically significant features. (Note: this irrigation system is counted as one contributing structure.)

8. Significance: Like the other nominated ditches and as described above in the Significance section (pp. 64-7), the El Porvenir Community Ditch played a primary role in shaping the cultural landscape as the boundary between agricultural lands and the arid sage brush sand hills above and as a field and property boundary which predated all fences and most roads. Through its Ditch Association, it also provided the residents of Ensenada their most important focus for the communal obligation (see Part I, pp. 12-13), organization and decision-making which was central to the agrarian Hispanic villages of northern New Mexico. Since the village is not incorporated and the association continues to function, the ditch provides a vital social link with the historic cultural roots of the area.

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10. Acreage: 18 acres

<u>UTM References</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Eastings</u>	<u>Northings</u>
J	13	367460	4067000
K	13	367440	4066000
O	13	365000	4065000
P	13	363000	4065500
Q	13	363000	4066600

Boundary: A polygon, roughly 20' by 3.7 miles, formed by two lines parallel to and ten feet from mid-ditch, extending from the headgate to the desague. The boundary has been drawn tightly to include the ditch and its embankments.