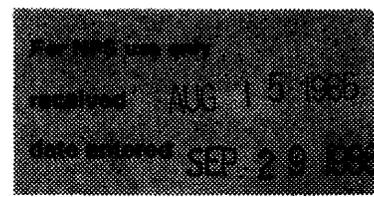


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Vic. La Puente.

4. Owners: La Puente 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 La Puente Community Ditch. Dug as a part of the Parkview Ditch in 1862, the ditch bisects La Puente serving garden plots as well as sixteen field plots.

It diverts from Parkview desague 100 yards SW of State Fish Hatchery lake; desague (or discharge point) 0.7 miles SW of La Puente at Chama River. Major features: continuation of Parkview Ditch; concrete, metal, and wooden lateral gates; total length: 2 miles; acreage: 9.7 acres; irrigates: ca. 307 acres; midway dimensions: bottom width 4', top width 6', depth 1.5'.

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 La Puente 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 La Puente 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: 9.7 acres

<u>UTM</u>	<u>References</u>	Zone	Eastings	Northings
	R	13	358460	4063960
	T	13	357420	4062000
	U	13	356000	4062000
	V	13	357320	4063400

Boundary: A polygon, roughly 20' by 2 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.