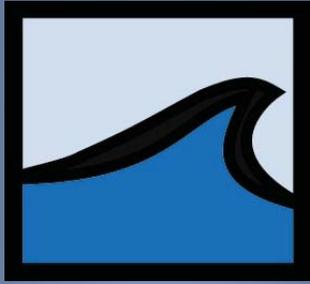


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ACI Update

A Semi-Annual Newsletter of Aquatic Consultants, Inc.

Newsletter Takes New Form

As you can see, we have replaced the FishTales newsletter with this new electronic newsletter that we believe will be a timely and informative publication that allows you to stay updated on everything that is happening at ACI. The newsletter will be distributed semi-annually (June and December) and will include current events at ACI, as well as an update on our projects and other important information. Your feedback is essential, so let us know how you like this new format!

Re-designed ACI Web Site Has Visual Appeal

Please take time to visit the newly re-designed ACI web site. We take special pride in all of the projects that we build and the properties that we manage, so we wanted to emphasize our work through photography. We've compiled some of the best pictures in our files to share with both existing and potential clients to create a web site unlike any other in our industry. Although it is true that commercial web sites are primarily used for marketing purposes, we've taken it a step further with the development of a Client Login section to keep you even more informed. Many of you are already using this feature, which allows you to access your own customized web page that includes construction reports, monthly biology summaries, photos, and other information that you may find useful. There is a lot of information on the new web site, so please take some time to go through it and let us know what you think (www.aquaticconsultants.com).

Project Update - Four Hills Country Club

In spring 2009, ACI completed a renovation of the irrigation lake and installation of a new pump system at Four Hills Country Club in Albuquerque. The club was originally constructed in 1959, and the storage lake and associated irrigation pump station were built in the 1960's. Although the course Superintendents had done a fantastic job of keeping the system running over the years, it was time for updating.



ACI designed and renovated the lake and installed a state-of-the-art irrigation pump system. The lake was dredged, enlarged, and lined to increase the storage capacity. In addition, shorelines and the dam were re-sloped and armored with rip-rap, and a new spillway was constructed. A new main irrigation pump and pumphouse were installed adjacent to the lake and a new booster station and pumphouse were installed on the upper portion of the course to ensure adequate irrigation pressure throughout the course. The project turned out great, and the members at Four Hills are now enjoying a new obstacle to their already challenging course!

Current Project Update

ACI is currently working on two lake construction projects in the Santa Fe area. One, on the Nambe Pueblo, is an irrigation lake that will be used to supply water to landscaping and baseball fields in the new Buffalo Range Subdivision. The 0.85 acre lined lake includes an on-demand system that will supply water to the lake from an adjacent acequia, and an irrigation pump station that will supply the needs of the recreational portion of the subdivision. As long as the weather continues to be favorable, the lake will be completed in early January and the Pueblo will begin to irrigate the fields and landscaping in early spring.



The second project is a lake renovation on a private ranch north of Santa Fe. Sedimentation was filling in the lake and overgrown cattails and lilly pads made it nearly impossible to use. ACI is dredging the sediments and organics, re-shaping the shorelines, and removing woody debris from the dam. Amenities, such as a custom boat dock, boulder lined fishing points, walking paths, a new access bridge, and a moss-rock faced spillway will all help to create a popular vacation destination for the owner and her family.

A Message to Our Management Clients

Our 2009 lake management season has concluded for many of you and we **thank you** for your continued confidence in ACI. We will be sending out 2010 management proposals this month and we hope to be serving each of you again next year!