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WIFA Awards Water Infrastructure Projects of the Year

PHOENIX (March 10, 2016) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that the City of Bisbee and Sunrise Water Co. were selected to receive WIFA's Project of the Year awards. WIFA's Project of the Year awards are presented in recognition of exemplary project management and commitment to public health protection through the improvement of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

The 2015 Clean Water Project of the Year was the City of Bisbee's San Jose Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Addition, a \$1.6 million infrastructure project to mitigate increasing energy costs. Realizing the environmental and economic benefits of using a renewable energy source like solar power, Bisbee officials decided to install a 400kW solar system to produce electricity to run their wastewater treatment plant. According to the City, the solar panel array that was designed exceeded expectations, producing 87% of the electricity required to run the plant and saving the City of Bisbee nearly \$110,000 per year.

In recognition of their focus on water and energy sustainability, and commitment to improving Arizona's quality of life through investments in wastewater infrastructure, the award will be presented at the City of Bisbee Council Meeting on March 15, 2016.

WIFA's Drinking Water Project of the Year award went to Sunrise Water Co. for their arsenic treatment, booster pumps and storage tank project. In addition to providing better quality water for their customers by improving production and storage, this project also protected customers from water outages during the summer peak season.

"We were extremely impressed with the level of professionalism and attention to detail by Sunrise's system manager, Marvin Collins," said Andrew Smith, WIFA Project Manager. "Mr. Collins was responsible for all of the various aspects of project management from procurement, to serving as the construction manager and site inspector, and more."

The \$755,000 project was selected based on the advances made to ensure system reliability, as well as the Company's excellent project management and commitment to protecting public health through water infrastructure improvement. The award presentation will take place at the next WIFA Board of Director's meeting on April 20, 2016.

WIFA is a state agency dedicated to protecting public health and promoting environmental quality through financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure. WIFA offers funding for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects designed to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and proper wastewater treatment. Over the last 25 years, WIFA has invested over \$2 billion in Arizona's communities.

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