



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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### WIFA Announces Stimulus Funds Part of \$145,000 Loan to Rim Trail Water District in Gila County

PHOENIX (June 25, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that it has approved a loan, in part from federal stimulus money, for Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID) in Gila County.

Rim Trail DWID received a loan totaling \$145,000 for the replacement of a monitoring system for more efficient utility operations which will save more water and updating treatment processes for water filtration. The project also will blend groundwater and surface water while promoting sustainability.

About 200 people live in the Rim Trail community during the summer. The community is located in northern Gila County, about 16 miles north of Payson.

“These funds provide much-needed help for important drinking water supply projects in Gila County. We’re pleased to make loans like these, making the most of Arizona’s precious water resources and boosting infrastructure services to protect public health and safety,” said WIFA Board Chairman Benjamin H. Grumbles, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

WIFA received about \$82 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 to fund wastewater and drinking water projects in Arizona. One of the goals of ARRA was to have at least 50 percent of the total amount of grant proceeds allocated to projects under construction by June 17, 2009. There are presently 32 projects under construction in Arizona representing 62 percent of the grant proceeds for the state.

WIFA maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical

assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. For more information, please visit WIFA's Web site at [www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov).