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WIFA Announces Federal Stimulus Funds Part of \$928,400 Loan to Maricopa Drinking Water Improvement District

PHOENIX (July 17, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that it will close a \$928,400 loan, which includes in part federal stimulus money, with Maricopa Drinking Water Improvement District (DWID) in Pinal County for arsenic removal equipment.

The funding will be used to install the equipment at one of the system’s wells with the capacity to treat 400 gallons of water a minute. This will insure that the district remains within compliance of the federal arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“These funds provide much-needed help for this important drinking water project. We’re pleased to make this loan, making the most of Arizona’s precious water resources and protecting 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.