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WIFA Announces Stimulus Funds Part of \$4.7 Million Loan to Sahuarita Water Co. in Pima County

PHOENIX (May 27, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona announced today its second round of loans, in part from federal stimulus money, including for the Sahuarita Water Co., south of Tucson.

The nearly \$4.7 million WIFA loan will help the Sahuarita Water Co. construct a 2,000 gallon a minute arsenic treatment facility and connect it to existing production wells.

“This loan will help ensure a safe drinking water supply for all residents in the Sahuarita area,” said Patrick J. Cunningham, WIFA’s acting board chairman. “We are pleased to make this loan and to help make the most of Arizona’s precious water resources.”

WIFA is receiving "stimulus" funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The ARRA funding is providing significant savings on clean and drinking water infrastructure projects for many municipalities and private drinking water companies in Arizona that are able to start construction by June 17, 2009 or have signed contracts for construction by Feb. 17, 2010.

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.