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WIFA Announces Stimulus Funds Part of \$2.3 Million Loan to Arizona American Water Co. in Santa Cruz County

PHOENIX (June 25, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today a \$2.3 million loan, in part from federal stimulus money, to Arizona American Water Co./Tubac Water District in Santa Cruz County for arsenic treatment remediation.

Three of the district's four operating wells exceed the federal arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The WIFA loan also will pay for a new transmission line for the treated water.

“These funds provide much-needed help for this important drinking water project near Nogales. We're pleased to make these loans, 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.