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WIFA Announces Federal Stimulus Funds Part of \$110,000 Loan to Town of Taylor for Security at Well Sites

PHOENIX (Aug. 3, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that it closed a \$110,000 loan, which includes in part federal stimulus money, with the Town of Taylor to build security fencing around two well sites.

The fencing project will ensure that the wells are protected from vandalism, unauthorized access and potential contamination. Taylor is located 16 miles north of Show Low in Navajo County.

“These funds will provide the security that the Taylor wells need. 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.