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WIFA Announces Federal Stimulus Funds Part of \$11.6 Million Loan to the City of Tolleson

PHOENIX (Aug.14, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that it will close a \$11.6 million loan, which includes in part federal stimulus money, with the City of Tolleson for wastewater treatment plant improvements.

The \$11.6 million loan will allow for the city to rehabilitate and expand the plant. This will enable the plant to meet Class B biosolids standards and meet Maricopa County air quality permit requirements for the release of sulfide and odor.

“These funds provide much-needed help for this important wastewater 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 35 projects under construction in Arizona representing 70 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.