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WIFA Announces \$1.4 Million Loan to Alpine DWID for the purchase of Turner Ranches Water and Sanitation in Apache County

PHOENIX (June 25, 2009) -- The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that a \$1.4 million loan has been awarded to Alpine Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID) for the purchase of Turner Ranches Water and Sanitation Company.

Upon completion of the purchase, Alpine DWID will combine the two water systems, which are located less than a mile apart. The WIFA loan will then be used for the design, permitting and construction of an interconnect pipeline to link the two systems. An existing pipeline will be extended about 3,900 feet and include a new 6-inch pipeline to serve residents located west of U.S. Highway 191.

Alpine DWID received a WIFA Technical Assistance Grant in 2008 to prepare an engineering design report and secure all permits for the merger of the district with the Turner Ranches Water and Sanitation Company.

“These funds provide much-needed help for drinking water supply and wastewater projects in Apache County. We’re pleased to make these loans, making the most of Arizona’s precious water resources and boosting infrastructure services to protect public health and safety,” said WIFA Board Chairman Benjamin H. Grumbles, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

WIFA, www.azwifa.gov, provides communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical help needed for basic water infrastructure.

