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WIFA Board Approves \$2 Million Loan for Yuma B& C Colonia Project

PHOENIX (Jan 6, 2010) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) board recently approved a \$2 million loan, with the Yuma County Improvement District located in Yuma County.

The WIFA funds will help provide the Colonia B & C area with much needed sewer collection service and help decommission 716 residential septic tanks. The new sewer lines will be connected to the City of Yuma collection system, and the wastewater water will be treated at the Figueroa Water Pollution Control Facility.

The project will provide access to appropriate wastewater collection and treatment services for the colonia residents. This will in turn reduce the environmental and health hazards associated with untreated sewer and help protect the nearby Colorado River.

The remaining funding is being provided by loan/grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) and a grant from the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC). The B & C Colonia is an unincorporated community located northwest of the City of Yuma.

“This loan will help Yuma County Improvement District finish this important wastewater project. We’re pleased that this loan will make 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 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.