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WIFA Executive Director Navarrete Announces Retirement July 31

PHOENIX (July 27, 2010) – Judy Navarrete, executive director of the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona for more than four years, announced that she is retiring effective July 31.

Before coming to WIFA, Navarrete worked for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for 11 years in a number of management roles, including overseeing the State Assurance Fund and recycling programs.

“Judy did an outstanding job overseeing WIFA and making sure that the best interest rates could be found for dozens of loans for drinking water and waste water projects around the state,” said WIFA Chairman of the Board Benjamin H. Grumbles, who is also director of ADEQ. “Judy also did great work in making Arizona one of the nation’s leaders in getting federally financed projects started and completed.”

Sandy Sutton, who has been WIFA’s chief financial officer, will step in and serve as interim director of the Authority.

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona 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.