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WIFA Awards Water Infrastructure Projects of the Year

PHOENIX (March 5, 2018) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that the Town of Chino Valley and the City of Williams were selected to receive WIFA's 2017 Project of the Year awards. WIFA's Project of the Year awards are presented in recognition of exemplary project management and commitment to public health protection through the improvement of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

The Clean Water Project of the Year was awarded to the Town of Chino Valley for the design and construction of septic to sewer projects, which reduce potential risk to local groundwater quality. The Town borrowed \$1.2 million to extend its sewer collection system. The extension down West Center Street prevented the installation of septic systems in residences of the Mollie Rae Subdivision. As part of the project and extension on South Road 1 West (Mountain View Mobile Home Park and Serenity Court), septic systems were also decommissioned. In addition, new homes built in these areas will tie directly into the Town's wastewater treatment system, instead of relying on septic tanks, reducing potential impact to water quality.

Over the last several years, WIFA has partnered with the Town on multiple water and wastewater projects, including the refinance of approximately four million dollars in loans. The refinance saved the Town approximately one million dollars.

In recognition of their commitment to protecting water quality and public health through the investments in wastewater infrastructure, the award was presented at the Town Council meeting on February 27th.



Award presentation at Chino Valley Town Council, February 27, 2018

WIFA's Drinking Water Project of the Year award went to the City of Williams for their water supply and sustainability project. After several years of greatly diminished snow pack, the City's reservoirs systems were at 27% capacity in the summer of 2014 and one well had failed. City officials acted quickly and obtained a \$4.4 million loan from WIFA to address the critical water supply problem. Loan funds were used to repair the well, equip an existing well, replace 1,500 water meters, and install a water reuse station at the wastewater treatment plant.

The City is also reducing its reliance on potable water for internal uses at the wastewater treatment plant. With a small portion of the WIFA loan, the City is installing a new reuse pump station and distribution lines that will allow for the use of treated wastewater for normal plant operations. By using treated wastewater directly from the plant discharge, the potable water can be redirected for use by the community, providing an increase in the available water supply. The potential annual water savings are significant - approximately 109 million gallons, amounting to about 30% of the City's annual water production.

Most importantly, the City's staff and consultants demonstrated strong teamwork and diligence to avoid a critical water shortage for the citizens of Williams.

The City was awarded WIFA's Project of the Year award in recognition of advances made to ensure a reliable source of water, excellent project management and commitment to protecting public health in Arizona through water infrastructure improvement.



City of Williams Santa Fe Reservoir

About WIFA

WIFA is a 'governmental organization dedicated to protecting public health and promoting environmental quality through financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure. WIFA offers funding for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects designed to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and proper wastewater treatment. Over the last 25 years, WIFA has invested over \$2 billion in Arizona's communities.

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