

## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY

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### WIFA Closes an \$887,500 Loan with the Town of Wellton

**PHOENIX** - The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announces an \$887,500 loan closing with the town of Wellton. The loan features 50% forgivable principal, totaling \$443,750. The project will replace a section of the water distribution line along Avenue 28E and install an additional distribution line along the north side of the Wellton Canal.

Currently, the town's drinking water exceeds the standard for total Trihalomethanes (TTHM); which are byproducts of the disinfection process. After evaluating several alternatives, Wellton and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) determined that the installation of smaller lines would be the most cost-effective solution. The new distribution lines will decrease water retention time and the formation of disinfection byproducts. "The town of Wellton is very appreciative of all the assistance received from ADEQ & WIFA in correcting our deficiencies, and addressing our need in solving the TTHM problem," said **Larry Killman, Town Manager**. In addition to being the most economically viable option, this approach is also expected to increase overall system performance.

"It's a great project. WIFA is proud to support Wellton's goal of providing high-quality drinking water," said **Daniel Dialessi, WIFA Executive Director**.

#### 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 29 years, WIFA has invested over \$2 billion in Arizona's communities.

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