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Water Authority Receives Notice of Award from New Mexico Water Trust Board for Pipeline Construction

CLOVIS, NM—The Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority (ENMWUA) has received Notice of Award from the New Mexico Water Trust Board (WTB) in the amount of \$14,510,522.00 for use in the next phase of pipeline construction. The phase of pipeline construction called Finished Water One (FW1) will construct 15.5 miles of pipeline beginning just northwest of Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) and ends at the future water treatment facility location. This funding comes in the form of a 90% grant in the amount of \$13,059,470.00 and a 10% loan in the amount of \$1,451,052.00.

The ENMWUA will solicit Request for Proposals on FW1 on June 15, 2022 and plan to engage in construction by fall 2022. The ENMWUA is also currently under construction with the Finished Water 3 (FW3) pipeline project connecting Portales with FW2 northwest of Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB).

This funding adds to the amount already secured in FY2022 for ENMRWS construction from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) in the amount of \$177,400,000.00 and \$30 million from the New Mexico Legislature. The ENMWUA will also be injecting an additional \$32 million over the next two years in advancing the pipeline project.

ENMWUA Chairman Mike Morris expressed his appreciation of the WTB funding, “This important funding will contribute to our efforts in constructing FW1 north to the future water treatment plant location. We thank our stakeholders for their support of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System.”

ENMWUA Vice-Chairman Ron Jackson also applauded the support of the state. “The Water Trust Board has been very supportive over the years. We appreciate their continued support”.

The Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System is a regional rural water supply project in east-central New Mexico federally authorized in 2009. The purpose of the project is to provide potable water to four city member agencies and Cannon Air Force Base for municipal, commercial, and industrial use from a renewable surface water supply at Ute Reservoir. The ENMWUA was enacted by the New Mexico State Legislature effective July 1, 2010. The member communities are Clovis (includes Cannon Air Force Base), Portales (includes Roosevelt County), Texico, and Elida.

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