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Water Authority Receives an Unprecedented Amount of Federal Funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for Construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System

CLOVIS, NM—The Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority (ENMWUA) has received funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act FY2022 appropriations in the amount of **\$160,000,000** for use in the construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System (ENMRWS) pipeline. The ENMWUA will receive an additional **\$17,400,000.00** from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) 2022 appropriations. New Mexico's Governor and eastern New Mexico legislators secured an additional **\$30,000,000.00** during the 2022 legislative session to add to federal funds for the ENMRWS. Total amount of 2022 funding appropriations announced today are \$207,400,000.00. The ENMWUA will match that amount with \$20,740,000.00 for a total of **\$228,140,000.00**.

This FY2022 funding advances the construction of the ENMRWS which includes approximately 120 miles of transmission pipeline and laterals, two raw water pump stations, one smaller finished water pump station, and a water treatment plant. The ENMWUA plans are to ramp up efforts with all remaining components of the ENMRWS beginning immediately.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has earmarked \$1 billion toward completing the federally authorized Rural Water Projects under the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The ENMWUA is among the recipients to receive funding to complete construction of the ENMRWS. Funding percentages of the ENMRWS are 75% federal, 15% state, and 10% ENMWUA membership.

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ENMWUA Chairman and Mayor of Clovis Michael Morris expressed his appreciation of the funding, “On behalf of the ENMWUA and the citizens of our member communities, I am grateful for this amount of funding. This will take us far in the construction of this critically important project. We appreciate everyone involved who made this funding available, from the Biden Administration, our New Mexico Congressional delegation, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, State Legislators, and the representatives of our member communities.”

ENMWUA Vice Chairman and Mayor of Portales Ron Jackson commented, “We’re excited to have received this funding. This will allow us to advance the pipeline project much sooner than anticipated.”

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 and portions of Curry County), Portales (includes portions Roosevelt County), Texico, and Elida.

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