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USBR Posts FY2023 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding for Construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System

CLOVIS, NM—The Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority (ENMWUA) has received notice from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) regarding the second round of funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The federal FY2023 appropriation is in the amount of \$89,510,000.00 for use in the construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System (ENMRWS) pipeline. The ENMWUA will receive an additional \$4,630,000.00 from FY2023 Administration/Congressional funding. The total FY2023 federal funding for the ENMRWS is **\$94,140,000.00**.

This FY2023 funding will add to advancing the construction of the ENMRWS. The ENMWUA ramped up efforts last year with all remaining components of the ENMWRWS and are making significant progress. Last year's federal FY2022 funding allocated to the project was \$177,400,000.00.

ENMWUA Chairman and Mayor of Clovis Michael Morris expressed his gratitude for the second year of Infrastructure funding, "We are excited to receive the news of the FY2023 USBR funding. This will keep the project on schedule for completion within the end of the decade. We appreciate our federal, state, and member partners."

ENMWUA Vice Chairman and Mayor of Portales Ron Jackson commented, "This is great news as this funding is critical to the ENMWUA in completing this project. We are making good progress."

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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.

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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