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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 \$20,000,000.00 for use in the next phase of pipeline construction. The \$20 million allocation from the WTB will be instrumental in advancing the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System's (ENMRWS) transmission pipeline phases, particularly Raw Water 1 (RW1), Raw Water 2 (RW2), and essential components such as Intake pump station, Caprock pump station, and Caprock storage tanks. This funding comes in the form of a 90% grant in the amount of \$18,000,000.00 and a 10% loan in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

The ENMRWS continues to advance at a very active pace. Construction is currently underway on the Finished Water 1 (FW1) project, a 15.5-mile transmission pipeline phase beginning just northwest of Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) and ending at the future water treatment plant (WTP) location. The ENMWUA is also currently under construction with the Finished Water 3B (FW3B) pipeline project which will connect the ENMRWS to the City of Portales system Lime Street water storage facility. Additionally, ENMWUA recently awarded the Raw Water 3 (RW3) pipeline project to Harper Brothers Construction on April 25, 2024. RW3 is a 21.7-mile transmission pipeline segment that begins at the WTP location and extends north to near the edge of the Caprock.

ENMWUA Chairman Mike Morris expressed his appreciation of the WTB funding, "We appreciate our partnership with the Water Trust Board in constructing the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System. This funding will be put to good use with the raw water project phases."

ENMWUA Vice-Chairman Jim Lucero also applauded the support of the state. “We continue to make good progress with the project. We appreciate the support of the Water Trust Board.”

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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