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Loan Funded New Wastewater Treatment Plant for El Paso County Community

Outline Of Need:

The original collection system and wastewater treatment plant for El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District #4 was designed and constructed in the early 1950s. The wastewater treatment plant was further upgraded in 1991 to meet the requirements of the growing population of the unincorporated community of Fabens in El Paso County. However over time, the existing plant was unable to consistently meet effluent discharge requirements imposed by the State of Texas.

How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development approved a loan in the amount of \$4,694,000 for the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District #4 to assist in the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of treating 1.2 million gallons a day.

The Results:

The new wastewater treatment plant includes new



The recently completed 1.2 million gallons per day wastewater treatment plant in Fabens, Texas.

head works with mechanical bar screen and grit removal system, pre-engineered secondary treatment equipment, digester and belt filter press for sludge handling, ultraviolet disinfection system, associated systems including plant water and filtrate pump stations, and motor control center to support existing and future plant elements.

El Paso County WCID #4 general manager Geri de la Torre stated, “Our new wastewater treatment facility, which disinfects with ultraviolet light, is not only more eco-friendly but also more cost effective, affordable and energy-efficient for both the district and the people it serves.”

Over the years, USDA Rural Development has provided El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District a total of \$6,252,000 in loan funds for new water and sewer facilities. Undoubtedly, these facilities help to improve the health and quality of life in the border community of Fabens.

Fast Facts

Program: Water and Environmental Programs

Congressional District: TX-16

Partners: North American Development Bank—\$2,000,000 Grant

Demographics

Fabens, Texas Population —8,043

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