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New Wastewater Treatment Plant completed in Sunland Park, New Mexico

- **CRUUA received a US\$9.0-million grant from EPA for the construction of the plant**

Santa Teresa, New Mexico – A ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the new US\$12.7-million wastewater treatment plant for the town of Sunland Park took place this afternoon at the plant. The new plant is replacing the old North facility built in the 1970s and has the capacity to treat 1.0 million gallons a day (mgd) of wastewater, benefitting more than 6,000 residents in the communities of Sunland Park and Santa Teresa.

Distinguished guests at the ceremony included U.S. Senator Tom Udall; Regional Administrator Anne Idsal from Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Alex Hinojosa, Managing Director of the North American Development Bank (NADB); Brent Westmoreland, Executive Director of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA); and representatives from the local offices of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich and Congressman Steve Pearce from New Mexico.

CRUUA received a US\$9.0 million grant for the construction of the plant and US\$780,000 in technical assistance to help the utility develop and design the project, as well as optimize its current operations through an asset management study. The grants were funded by EPA through the Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF) and the Project Development Assistance Program (PDAP), administered by NADB. CRUUA also received a US\$3.7 million grant from the State of New Mexico.

“Small communities such as Sunland Park are now facing the challenge of finding additional resources to replace aging infrastructure,” stated Mr. Hinojosa. “This much-needed project to replace the old plant would not have been possible without the collaboration of federal, state and local agencies who worked together to bring this project to its completion today.” He also added, “We thank the New Mexico Congressional delegation, especially Senator Udall who continues to support appropriations funding for priority water and wastewater infrastructure for communities along the U.S.-Mexico border.”

The project, certified by the NADB Board of Directors in 2015, included the rehabilitation of the View Pointe Lift Station and construction of a treatment facility using extended aeration technology to meet current needs. The project also incorporated elements for phased expansion of

the plant in order to meet future demand generated by urban development in this region. The plant will discharge an average of 0.70 mgd of treated water to the Rio Grande River, approximately two miles south of the site of old North plant.

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