



**NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK  
FACT SHEET  
EL SÁSABE, SONORA**

- Project:** Construction of a Wastewater Collection System
- Cost:** US\$935,062
- Sponsor:** The project is sponsored by the Municipality of El Saric, along with the Sonora state water commission, *Comisión Estatal del Agua* (CEA).
- Location:** El Sásabe is a rural district located in the municipality of El Saric, in the northeast portion of the State of Sonora. It shares a border with Sasabe, Arizona and lies approximately 75 miles south of Tucson.
- Background:** In El Sásabe, the entire community has access to potable water; however there are no wastewater collection and treatment services. Disposal of residential wastewater is carried out through latrines, some septic tanks and uncontrolled ground runoffs.
- Description:** This project is part of the municipality's comprehensive wastewater treatment program. Major components of the project include the construction of a sewer system, a collector, influent sewer main and 310 household hookups. This effort will serve to complement the wastewater treatment facilities that are currently under construction with grants from the State of Sonora. The treated wastewater will be used for agricultural purposes.
- BECC Certification:** March 27, 2001
- NADB Funding:** Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF):  
Construction Grant Assistance: US\$427,504  
Of these funds, \$15,000 will be used to hire a consultant to assist the city with construction management of the project.
- Other Funding Sources:** The remaining project costs will be covered by the *Comisión Nacional del Agua* (CNA) and other Mexican state and local funds.
- Benefits:** This project will provide first-time sewer and sanitation services to the entire community of El Sásabe, Sonora, which will protect public health and the environment by eliminating potential human-health hazards and environmental contamination associated with the inadequate disposal of wastewater. The project will also benefit Sasabe, Arizona, and the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge.

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