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City of Douglas Celebrates Bay Acres Sewer Project and Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. (April 7, 2021) - City of Douglas will officially unveil the completed wastewater treatment plant expansion and Bay Acres Wastewater Collection System in a Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Sunnyside Fire Station in Bay Acres on April 7 at 2pm. The project was made possible with funding by the collaborative efforts of Cochise County, North American Development Bank (NADB), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) and the City of Douglas. Total project costs totaled more than \$19,973,753.

The upgrade to the wastewater collection system will provide access to and use of first-time wastewater services to 342 homes in the Bay Acres Colonia located northeast of city limits. It has also increased the city's wastewater treatment capacity to a maximum treatment capacity of 3.1 million gallons per day.

"We congratulate the City of Douglas for inaugurating this project, upgrading their wastewater treatment plant to allow the community to expand and improve the sewage service, and prepare for future growth," stated John Beckham, NADB Deputy Managing Director. "NADB is pleased to continue its successful collaboration with EPA to fund projects like this one that provides first-time access and wastewater collection services for 342 existing homes in the Bay Acres subdivision, as well as improve wastewater treatment services for the entire city."

The project also involved the installation of yard-line connections from the home to the Wastewater Collection System and decommissioning of existing on-site wastewater disposal systems. Overall, the improvements will contribute to the reduction of water pollution in the area.

"We are excited to have completed the expansion of our wastewater treatment plant and connecting Bay Acres residents to City sewer," said Mayor Donald C. Huish. "We are thankful to all of our partners involved in helping us bring this tremendous benefit to our area. With this expansion, we now look forward to growing and attracting new development to our City."

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