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Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry Approves Loan Agreement of \$20 Million for Waste Water System Improvements for City of Hobbs

(Hobbs, NM) New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry approved a \$20 million loan agreement Friday for the City of Hobbs that will allow the city to improve and increase the capacity of its aging wastewater treatment system.

The funding, which will be used to increase the capacity of the 28-year-old system, is provided through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides money for the fund, which creates low cost loans for New Mexico communities for programs that help protect water quality.

“It’s gratifying that we can provide low interest loans that pay for improvements for integral facilities like Hobbs’ waste water treatment system,” Secretary Curry said. “The Environment Department’s Construction Programs Bureau worked closely with Hobbs to provide assistance for the project and to streamline federal and state requirements that will allow the city to begin construction of the project quickly. The improvements will ensure that Hobbs’ system meets environmental regulations designed to protect the health of citizens.”

The agreement will allow the city to increase the wastewater treatment capacity of the City of Hobbs Wastewater Reclamation Facility from 3.5 million gallons a day (mgd) to 5.5 mgd. The project also includes improved treatment of wastes and biosolids that meet state Environment Department Effluent Reuse Regulations.

The agreement provides the city a two percent interest loan that will amortize over a 20-year term.

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