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FACT SHEET: Establishment of the Sunland Park Utility Department *Economic Development and Land Developers Notification* *Prepared by the City of Sunland Park | June 2025*

The City of Sunland Park is in the process of establishing its own municipal utility department, in accordance with the City Council Resolution passed on June 4, 2025. This effort follows Doña Ana County's decision to dissolve the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that formed the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA). In response, the City is taking proactive steps to ensure continuity of service, unlock infrastructure investment opportunities, and support regional economic growth.

INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Transitioning to a City-led utility department opens the door for more direct access to infrastructure funding, streamlined capital improvement planning, and strategic alignment with economic development goals.

- Eligible for state and federal infrastructure grants
- Stronger position to secure low-interest financing for capital upgrades
- Accelerated investment in critical water and wastewater systems

COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The City is finalizing an update to its Comprehensive Master Plan, including a revised **Future Land Use Map**. This update will serve as a foundational tool for:

- Prioritizing water and wastewater capacity investments
- Guiding utility infrastructure to support projected growth corridors
- Establishing an evidence-based roadmap for capital planning

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

The future City Utility Department will offer to serve the full CRRUA service area, including residential neighborhoods and commercial zones within the **Santa Teresa Industrial Park**, as needed and if requested by the County. The City will serve customers within the municipal boundary and future annexations. The City is committed to maintaining reliable, compliant, and scalable utility services throughout the transition and beyond.

UPCOMING CITY INVESTMENTS

A formal list of upcoming capital projects is under development and will be made available to stakeholders in coordination with the City's Public Works and Finance teams. Initial priorities include:

- Water tank rehabilitation projects in Anapra, Meadow Vista, and Tierra Madre
- Planning and Design of the Anapra Tank Proposed 10-inch Waterline Capacity Improvements Project

ECONOMIC & PRIVATE SECTOR ALIGNMENT

The utility transition supports long-term investment planning and positions Sunland Park to:

- Foster private sector confidence in local infrastructure capacity
- Align utility improvements with commercial development timelines
- Explore creative financing models including public-private partnerships (P3s)

For questions or to request a meeting, please contact:

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