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**City of Sunland Park Secures Colonias Grant for Riverside Wastewater Improvements**

**Sunland Park, NM – October 2, 2025** – The City of Sunland Park has secured a New Mexico Colonias Grant to build a new wastewater lift station in the Riverside neighborhood, marking an important step in strengthening local utility infrastructure.

The grant was awarded on September 18, 2025. The new lift station will replace the aging vacuum station that has caused repeated breakdowns and overflows. Once complete, it will provide Riverside residents with more reliable service and fewer spills.

“This is a win for our residents and for the future of Sunland Park,” said Mayor Javier Perea. “We are making the investments needed to protect neighborhoods, safeguard public health, and prepare for growth.”

The Riverside project is part of the City’s transition to a fully City-operated Water and Wastewater Utility Department.

“This grant shows our commitment to building a stronger, City-led system,” said City Manager Mario Juarez-Infante. “Upgrades like this help us deliver reliable service today and meet the needs of tomorrow.”

The project builds on recent road and utility upgrades in Riverside. Funding also comes from a \$5 million legislative appropriation secured by State Representative Raymundo Lara (District 34) for wastewater improvements across Doña Ana County.

“We are grateful to Representative Lara for securing these resources,” Perea added. “His leadership is helping ensure communities like ours have the infrastructure needed to grow responsibly.”

The City Council also approved a development agreement for a one-million-gallon-per-day expansion at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant to provide capacity for both current residents and future development.

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