



**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES
\$82,000 GRANT TO THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC
SERVICE BOARD TO FINANCE FIRST-TIME WATER SERVICE**

AUSTIN – (September 22, 2011) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution an \$82,000 grant from the Economically Distressed Areas Program to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (El Paso County) to finance planning, acquisition and design costs for a project to provide first-time water services to the Canutillo area.

The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (Board) will use the funds for the planning, acquisition and design phases of a project to provide first-time water services to approximately 96 residences on La Mesa, Vinton and Seventh Streets in the Canutillo area. Residents of this area rely on private water wells for water supply, and the existing water supply is inadequate and contaminated. The proposed project consists of installing approximately 7,000 linear feet of water line, valves, meters and fire hydrants, and hooking up residential connections.

The Board is located on Interstate 10 in El Paso County. It provides service to 198,390 water connections and 183,990 wastewater connections.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.