The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT

PROJECT NAME: Recycled Water Conversion
LOCATION: Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
INVITED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: $21 million
POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 50,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Recycled Water Conversion project will convert irrigation customers from potable water to recycled water in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita and adjacent areas. The purpose of the project is to recycle 100 percent of customer wastewater flows and, as a result, import less potable water.

FY 2021 SELECTION ROUND

NUMBER OF PROJECTS SELECTED: 40
NUMBER OF PROJECTS WAITLISTED: 4
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT: $8.9 billion
TOTAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUPPORTED: $19 billion
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT: 50 million in 24 states

The WIFIA program will provide selected entities with innovative financing tools to address pressing public health and environmental challenges in their communities. Consistent with the announced priorities, selected projects will support infrastructure improvements in historically disadvantaged communities, modernize and protect infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, and use new and innovative approaches to address community needs.