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CRRUA Partnership Results in Improved Fire Suppression Infrastructure in Anapra
Additional Improvements to Come

The Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA) has been notified of low water pressure in the Anapra area, particularly highlighted during the recent fire incident. CRRUA understands community concerns and wishes to assure residents that it has been actively addressing both fire safety and critical water infrastructure upgrades in the region.

CRRUA recently partnered with the City of Sunland Park to install critical fire suppression infrastructure to the Anapra area that had been lacking.

“As part of a regional improvement initiative under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, CRRUA contributed \$345,000 in match funding to install new fire hydrants, water lines, and water meters throughout the Anapra subdivision; an area that previously lacked this essential infrastructure,” said CRRUA Executive Director Juan Crosby.

Crosby said CRRUA is aware of low water pressure in the Anapra area during a structure fire there earlier today. However, he said thanks to these recent improvements, first responders had access to nearby hydrants.

“Without these upgrades, the nearest hydrant would have been on McNutt Road, potentially delaying response efforts and increasing fire damage,” Crosby said.

The Anapra Subdivision is in one of the oldest areas of CRRUA’s water system. Water mains in the Anapra Subdivision were installed more than 40 years ago following codes and standards that were in effect at the time of construction. Many of the existing water mains are not large enough to meet current fire flow and pressure requirements.

CRRUA’s recent improvement partnership with the City of Sunland Park is a first step in a long-term plan to replace substandard mains supplying the area.

Crosby said while progress has been made, CRRUA recognizes the continued need for infrastructure enhancements, including the replacement of the existing 6-inch and 4-inch water main along McNutt Road with an 8-inch or 10-inch line to further support improved fire suppression and water pressure in Anapra. However, additional funding is required to undertake this next phase of improvement.

“CRRUA remains fully committed to securing funds and making the long-term investments needed to strengthen the entire utility system,” Crosby said.

CRRUA is a regional water and wastewater utility provider serving the residents of Sunland Park and Santa Teresa, NM.

“CRRUA is dedicated to ensuring safe, sustainable, and efficient utility services while proactively investing in infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing community,” Crosby said.

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