



Sunnyvale

## News Release

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### **TREATMENT PLANT REBUILD SAVES \$160 MILLION WITH EPA LOAN**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale has received a \$220 million low interest federal loan to help finance its [Cleanwater Program](#), a series of long-term projects to upgrade the City’s wastewater treatment plant. The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ([WIFIA](#)) loan from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will finance nearly half of the total project cost of \$450 million. The remaining project funds will come from revenue bonds and system funds. Project construction and operation are expected to create 1,800 jobs.

Federal support is essential for critical infrastructure projects like our Cleanwater Program – the largest capital project in our City’s history,” said Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein. “This partnership with EPA helps us continue to serve our community, protect the South San Francisco Bay and meet our long-term sustainability goals.”

The WIFIA loan’s low interest rates will save the City an estimated \$160 million over traditional financing. Specifically, the loan will finance upgrades to the existing secondary and tertiary treatment facilities, construction of new secondary and biosolids handling facilities, and reconstruction of the support facilities necessary to operate the Plant. In addition to improved wastewater management that will protect water quality in the San Francisco Bay, the funded work will improve the Plant’s energy efficiency.

“EPA’s low-interest WIFIA loan saves our ratepayers money and gives us valuable funding flexibility to complete this 20-year project,” said City Manager Kent Steffens. “We used federal funding to help build our wastewater treatment facility. Decades later, securing this loan is a testament to that continued support and our team’s hard work on the renovation master plan.”

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