

Two project cost agreements signed for 593 projects

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The District's 593 program is moving full-speed ahead with projects designed to help citizens in central New Mexico. The District recently signed two more Project Cost Agreements (PCA's) under its 593 authority. Albuquerque District Commander Lt. Col. Dana Hurst signed an agreement with Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez September 16 to improve the water and wastewater infrastructure at Double Eagle II Airport. Then on September 27, Hurst signed an agreement with the Mayor of the Village of Tijeras, Gloria Chavez, to design and build a water distribution system for the village.

The Double Eagle II project will provide the environmental infrastructure that is necessary to support the existing business environment at the airport as well as support the future development associated with the relocation of Eclipse Aviation to the airport. The city of Albuquerque has committed to furnishing Eclipse with a site at the airport, complete with the needed environmental infrastructure.

The project will consist of building a ground storage reservoir; modification of existing pump stations at the airport and the Soils Amendment Facility; and construction of transmission and distribution lines, according to Bill Spurgeon, 593 project manager. For the wastewater component of the project, the District will manage the construction of a collection system; connect the existing Soils Amendment Facility to that system; build two wastewater lift stations to pump wastewater into the force main; and built water and sewer lines to connect to the City's wastewater collection system

The total cost of the project is \$5.5 million, with the city paying 25 percent and the federal government funding 75 percent of the cost, Spurgeon said.

The new water distribution system the District will build in the Village of Tijeras will enable the Village to provide water service to areas not currently served by the community system, Spurgeon said.



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Pictured from left, Jay Czar, City Administrative Officer, Mike Gomez, City Councilor of District 1, District Commander Lt. Col. Dana Hurst, and Martin Chavez, Mayor of Albuquerque.

The total cost of that project is \$700,000, with the city paying 25 percent and the federal government funding 75 percent of the cost.

The 593 program was authorized under Section 593 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999. The Act gives the Corps the authority to design and build projects that assist central New Mexico communities in water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development.

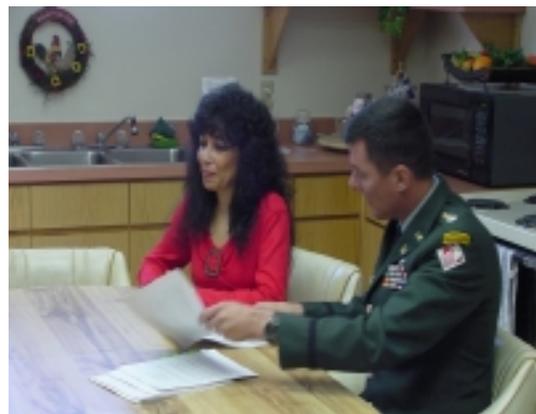


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Gloria Chavez, mayor of the Village of Tijeras, and Albuquerque District Commander Lt. Col. Dana Hurst, sign an agreement for the Corps to build a water distribution system that will provide water service to citizens in areas not served under the current system.