



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.

## WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT

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**BORROWER:** Upper Thompson Sanitation District

**LOCATION:** Estes Park, Colorado

**TOTAL WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** \$96 million

**TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS:** \$124 million

**POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT:** 15,500 people

**NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED:** 399 jobs



*Photo credit: Upper Thompson Sanitation District*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Upper Thompson Sanitation District's Water Reclamation Facility Project will replace existing infrastructure and create a more resilient wastewater treatment system for its customers. With this WIFIA loan, the district will construct a new water reclamation facility and two lift stations to replace infrastructure that is reaching its 50-year lifespan. The district will implement new treatment technology to ensure compliance with upcoming state effluent guidelines. These upgrades will enhance the quality of wastewater discharged into the Big Thompson River watershed, which serves as a source of drinking water to several downstream communities. This project will help the district continue to provide critical wastewater services to permanent and seasonal customers.

### PROJECT BENEFITS

- Ensures compliances with upcoming state effluent guidelines.
- Effectively treats water impacted by flooding and wildfire events.
- Saves the Upper Thompson Sanitation District approximately \$79 million by financing with a WIFIA loan.