FACT SHEET

City of Carlsbad- Double Eagle Water System Improvement Project

- Improvements to the City of Carlsbad's Double Eagle Water System, located about 30 miles to the northeast, will greatly enhance the City's opportunity for growth. While the City's Capitan Reef serves as Carlsbad's primary source of domestic water, the Double Eagle system provides non-treated water primarily for livestock, commercial and industrial purposes. When treated the Double Eagle Water will become a secondary source for the residents of Carlsbad.
- The City of Carlsbad first purchased the Double Eagle system in the 1970s. The City currently has 19 wells in the Double Eagle area, which draw water from the Ogallala Aquifer.
- In February of 2014, the City of Carlsbad began implementing Phase 2 of the Double Eagle improvement project. Phase 2 consists of 26 miles of pipeline, largely along the north end of US 62-180.
- There is currently a pipeline from Carlsbad to the Double Eagle Water System, but it consists of pipeline not larger than 12 inches in diameter. The pipeline also takes a roundabout route.
- The new system, which will deliver water to Carlsbad in 24 inch diameter pipes using a much more direct route, will significantly increase the capacity for water delivery in Carlsbad.
- The PVC pipes were first laid out north of the highway in segments of three, each 20 feet long. The pipes will be buried anywhere from four to ten feet below the ground. Work crews will first handle difficult areas, such as road crossings.
- Smithco Construction was awarded the Phase 2 bid for around \$14 million dollars.
- Phase 1 will be located on the Caprock and will replace existing undersized water line to enhance delivery to Carlsbad. Phase 2 began before Phase 1 as Phase 2 represents the largest portion of the project.
- The City of Carlsbad also has additional plans involving the Tatum water system, located to the north of the Double Eagle system. The Tatum system will ultimately produce significantly more water than the Double Eagle system, and development of this will secure Carlsbad's water production ability into the distant future and allow for planned growth.

Information:

This map shows the location of the pipeline that will be added as part of the Phase 2 project.

Assorted stacks of the PVC pipe that will soon join the Double Eagle system to Carlsbad.

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