

The Gardnerville Ranchos General Improvement District (GRGID) has made it onto Congressman Amodei's short list of 15 Community Projects for 2025 with an award of four million dollars for their South District Pipeline Replacement Project (SDPRP). The GRGID's SDWRP replaces 70,000 linear feet of failing schedule 80 and asbestos cement water pipe. The project had an initial engineering estimate of 14 million dollars and was slated to be completed over four phases. The project has since increased to 29 million dollars after the COVID-19 pandemic and the large influx of federal government dollars because of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Bi-partisan Infrastructure & Investment Act (BIIA).

The COVID-19 pandemic created supply chain issues and the federal stimulus & infrastructure funding has empowered the construction contractors to name their price due to the large amount of infrastructure projects in circulation. This has had a detrimental impact on the rural communities, such as the Gardnerville Ranchos, due to the fact most federal and state grant assistance goes to the urban centers of Las Vegas, Reno/Sparks and Carson City to help off-set costs. GRGID Trustee John Sheridan has worked hard acquiring grant assistance to off-set the increases to the SDPRP.

GRGID's Trustee, John Sheridan is currently serving as President for the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities. John has going back to Washington D.C. annually since 2020 to speak up for the communities in Nevada, both large and small. He informed the federal delegation that bedroom communities to the Reno/Sparks area are feeling the impacts of growth. He made our representatives aware that our community of 12,000 residents was the largest community within Douglas County yet received no assistance from the federal handouts and witnessed the SDPRP double in price.

John worked closely with the Board of Trustees and General Manager Greg Reed to acquire this CPF award. This was truly a collective effort between John, Chairman of the GRGID Board Jim Mckalip and Trustee Jim Degraffenreid; the District Manager and Lumos & Associates Engineers and the rest of the Board. We have all worked hard for many years to acquire some help, and we are ecstatic that Congressman Amodei recognized our need and efforts. Prior to this federal CPF award the GRGID was received its largest grant ever from the state, a two and half million-dollar principal forgiveness loan. This federal grant award tops it all though, it makes the time and effort that was put in was all worth it. The CPF award means the GRGID has acquired a total of 6.5 million dollars between the state and federal government to help off-set the price increases the SDPRP.