



## News Release

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### Emerald Coast Utilities Authority is Committed to Local Economic Prosperity and Development

ECUA's Central Water Reclamation Facility Contributes \$44.4-Million to Local Economy  
Provides Jobs and Economic Boost

PENSACOLA—The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) has embarked on an undertaking of historic proportions, replacing the 73 year-old Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Central Water Reclamation Facility (CWRF), the largest public works project in Escambia County's history. The CWRF is projected to contribute \$320-million to the local Northwest Florida region. In this era of economic disparity, the project is an economic catalyst, which will continue to stimulate positive income growth and job opportunities.

ECUA Board Member Dale Perkins says, "Any economic development plan that hopes to be successful must focus on an area's unique strengths. A brand new, environmentally friendly water reclamation facility that opens large tracts of real estate to commercial and industrial development adds more muscle to the powerful body of strengths already present, but too often overlooked, in the Greater Pensacola area."

A current economic barometer of the CWRF project reveals qualified and impacting results. At present, the project has over 184 employees on payroll (65% local), contributed over \$44.4-million to local economic development, and has retained the services of over 103 suppliers and contractors. Dr. Larry Walker, board member added, "The Main Street replacement project is having a county-wide economic impact."

About ECUA: Originally founded as the Escambia County Utilities Authority in 1981. The ECUA is a local governmental body, existing under the laws of the State of Florida and provides sanitation, water, and wastewater services. The ECUA's name was officially changed to the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority on June 29, 2004.

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