We have grown our supply beyond the Rio Grande and nearby aquifers.

Our future water resources will include the Advanced Water Purification Facility.

Customers and affordability

With an estimated population of more than 800,000 residents, El Paso is the sixth largest city in Texas and the largest city along the U.S.-Mexico border.

We primarily serve residents of the city plus several suburban residential areas through roughly 240,000 water and 225,000 wastewater connections. From our larger customers, such as Lower Valley Water District and Fort Bliss to our residential customers, all contribute to our ability to operate, maintain and expand our water and wastewater systems.

Forecasts call for our customer base to expand even further. Over the next decade, El Paso is expected to grow beyond 1 million. That growth comes with a responsibility to our children, grandchildren and future residents to ensure a sustainable supply of high-quality water in our arid region. EPWater is focused on a 10-year planning horizon for capital infrastructure investment to meet the water, wastewater and reclaimed water needs of our region.

Another contributing factor cited by the ratings firms is our utility's strong financial management. EPWater has won numerous awards for excellence in budget and financial reporting. We have applied leading principles and practices in accounting, and our investment strategy has yielded earnings that have served the utility well.

Sound management

Also cited in our credit ratings was our responsible operational management of water resources in the Chihuahuan Desert. EPWater knows that our water supply grows stronger when diversified, and we have grown our supply beyond the river and fresh groundwater from the Huaco and Mesilla bolsons.

Our planning process spans 50 years into the future, with an innovative portfolio of water resources. We will further diversify our resources to include:

- the Advanced Water Purification Facility, which will transform treated wastewater into fresh drinking water.
- the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant to as much as 33.5 million gallons per day output.
- ongoing preparations for the future importation of water from the aquifer beneath Dell City.

These water sources can be utilized when other sources are not available. For many years, we have also used wastewater as an effective water management strategy, whether replenishing our aquifer with treated wastewater or using reclaimed water for irrigation of parks, golf courses and more.

With these ratings, Standard and Poor’s Global and Fitch Ratings express continued confidence in EPWater’s financial performance and our creditworthiness. We also have a responsibility to ratepayers to maintain careful financial stewardship. As an international model for water resource innovation, EPWater needs to preserve the respect and trust of our customers as we work to ensure that El Paso has reliable, high quality water for years to come.

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