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## **Santa Fe Wastewater Project Touted as a First.**

SANTA FE, N.M. — Late last month, Santa Fe city government achieved several firsts on the financial front.

It was the first city in New Mexico to sell green bonds, the first in the state to have bonds certified as green by an international bonding agency in London, and the first in the world to have the construction of an anaerobic digester financed by green bonds.

Anaerobic digesters are part of a \$15 million “green” project at Santa Fe’s wastewater treatment plant. (Eddie Moore/Albuquerque Journal)

That’s no small thing, says Mayor Alan Webber.

“This is significant in the context of climate change, and what cities nationally and internationally are doing to achieve sustainability,” Webber told the Journal, adding that the sale of green bonds for a \$15 million upgrade at the city’s wastewater treatment plant is in step with the 25-year sustainability plan the City Council adopted last year.

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