

San Luis Potosi

What is on the logo: the water box (“caja de agua”) in San Luis Potosi that serves as a symbol of the city’s resilience and is a piece of public art.

San Luis Potosi (SLP), Tulsa’s sister city in central Mexico, has seemingly seen it all: French and Spanish colonial rules, a mining rush for both gold and silver, being on the crossroads between major trading routes, a hub for universities and doctoral students, a manufacturing center, and lately – an up-and-coming tourist magnet. But what’s stayed constant is SLP’s reliance on spring water to exist and grow. That’s why water boxes – with ornate masonry – have become an icon of



the city's history, ingenuity, and survival. And now, San Luis Potosi is giving Tulsa the gift of water, by presenting a replica of its best-preserved water box, or “caja de agua”, to stand tall in the Botanic Garden starting in fall 2023.

The color is inspired by the stone of the caja de agua (and many historic buildings throughout town). Its warm, bright color evokes feelings of energy and vitality, much like the life-giving liquid it dispenses.

Click on the photo logo or to see the Caja de Agua and its surroundings on a map.