

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Emory receives SRA Community Assistance Grant

(Emory, TX) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) is pleased to award the City of Emory a Community Assistance Grant as part of their FY-2010 Economic Development Initiative. The \$10,000 check presented to the City will be used to leverage local funds to upgrade the City's wastewater treatment system. "The City of Emory works hard to provide the best quality service to our customers," stated Emory City Administrator Mike Dunn. "We appreciate SRA's assistance in partnering with us to improve our wastewater treatment system," added Dunn. "SRA is proud to partner with the City of Emory in their efforts to improve wastewater treatment services to their customers," stated SRA General Manager Jerry Clark.



SRA Presents City of Emory with Community Assistance Grant

From left: SRA Iron Bridge Asst. Division Manager Jason Stovall, SRA Iron Bridge Division Manager Randy Traylor, City Public Works Director Gary Wallace, City Mayor Cay House and City Administrator Mike Dunn

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Funds provided for SRA's Community Assistance Grant Program must fall within four project categories, which include 1) Water Supply; 2) Wastewater Management; 3) Water Conservation; and 4) Water Quality and are limited to \$10,000 per project. Funds for the grant for the City of Emory were approved by SRA's Board of Directors in March of 2010.

In order to be eligible for the Community Assistance Program, applicants should be a governmental entity (City, County, SUD, MUD or COG) or a non-profit, member-owned Water Supply Corporation and located within the Sabine River Basin of Texas. Water resource projects should be consistent with the statutory mission of SRA-Texas. Created as a conservation and reclamation district in 1949, responsibilities of the Sabine River Authority of Texas are to control, store, preserve and distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary system for useful purposes.

The Sabine River Basin covers a large portion of East Texas with a population of approximately 600,000 in all or part of 21 counties according to U.S. 2000 Census figures. A large portion of that area is rural in nature. "The Sabine River Authority of Texas is providing this grant opportunity to promote the improvement of the quality and quantity of services essential for the development and growth of viable communities within the Sabine River Basin," said SRA General Manager Jerry Clark. "SRA is committed to work in tandem with existing counties, communities and water districts throughout the basin to promote the economic vitality of the region."

The next round of funding for this program will be in July of 2010. For more information about the Community Assistance Program, you may contact Ann Galassi at (409) 746-2192 or email: agalassi@sratx.org

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