

PRESS RELEASE

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Talley Water Supply Corporation receives Community Assistance Grant

(Marshall, TX) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) is pleased to award Talley Water Supply Corporation (WSC) a Community Assistance Grant as part of their FY-2007 Economic Development Initiative. The \$10,000 check will be used to leverage local funds to purchase a backup generator to be used in the WSC's service area. "Talley WSC is working hard to improve the water systems in our community," stated WSC President Johnnie B. Taylor. "We appreciate SRA's assistance in partnering with us for this project," added Taylor. The grant received from SRA will be combined with local funds to purchase the generator to be placed on a water well in the WSC's system. "SRA is proud to partner with Talley WSC in their efforts to improve water services to families in their service area," stated SRA General Manager Jerry Clark.



SRA Presents Talley WSC Community Assistance Grant

Front from left: WSC Board President Johnnie B. Taylor,
WSC Board Member Richard Wilson
Back from left: SRA Board Member Claudia Abney, SRA
Board President Connie Ware, WSC Board Members James
Moxley, Boyd Smith and John Bunch, and SRA Manager of
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Funds provided for the 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 Talley WSC were approved by SRA's Board of Directors in March of 2007.

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 2007. 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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