

## New Slate of Officers for Sabine River Authority of Texas



SRA Board President  
Don Covington

(Orange, TX) A new slate of officers was elected for 2011 by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) recently held in Orange. Don Covington of Orange was elected as Board President. Other elected officers include Vice President Earl Williams of Orange, Secretary/Treasurer David Koonce of Center and Secretary Pro Tem Cliff Todd of Carthage. Other members of the SRA Board include Past President Stan Mathews of Pinehurst, Connie Wade of Longview, J. D. Jacobs, Jr. of Rockwall, Connie Ware of Marshall and Mac Abney of Marshall.

President Covington, a native Southeast Texan with deep roots in the Golden Triangle, is the former president of Friede Goldman Offshore Texas, L.P. He retired in June of 2000 and is currently involved in private investments. In his career, he founded Texas Drydock, Inc., which later became TD-Halter, L.P. He spent 30 years with Levingston Shipbuilding Co. Mr. Covington was honored as 1994 "Small Business Person of the Year" and 1997 "Maritime Person of the Year." He is a member of the Propeller Club - Port of Sabine, the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, a past board member of the Governing Board of Park Place Hospital and the Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Claire, are members of the First Christian Church of Orange and have three sons.

The Sabine River Authority of Texas is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor of Texas. The Board is responsible for overseeing the development of water resources in the Sabine River Basin. Members of the Board are required to reside within a county situated wholly or partially within the watershed of the Sabine River. They are leaders in their communities dedicated to serve as active participants in the water issues being addressed by the Sabine River Authority of Texas.

Created by the Legislature in 1949, the Sabine River Authority is an official agency of the State of Texas. The Authority was created as a conservation and reclamation district with responsibilities to control, store, preserve, and

**distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary streams for useful purposes.**

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