

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Edgewood receives SRA Community Assistance Grant

(Edgewood, TX) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) is pleased to award the City of Edgewood a Community Assistance Grant as part of their FY-2008 Economic Development Initiative. The \$3,000 check presented to the City will be used to improve the City's water system. "The City of Edgewood is working hard to improve the quality of our



SRA Presents City of Edgewood with Community Assistance Grant

From left: Randy Traylor, SRA Iron Bridge Division Manager, Ryan Hare, Water Supervisor for the City of Edgewood, Mayor Charles Prater and Jason Stovall, SRA Iron Bridge Assistant Division Manager

water system to better accommodate families in the Edgewood area," stated Mayor Charles Prater. "We appreciate SRA's assistance in partnering with us for this project," added Prater. The grant from SRA will purchase new water quality monitoring instruments at the City's treatment plant to continue to meet TCEQ requirements. "SRA is proud to partner with the City of Edgewood in their efforts to improve the quality of services provided to their citizens," stated SRA General Manager Jerry Clark.

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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 Edgewood were approved by SRA's Board of Directors earlier this year.

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 2008. 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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