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## SRA Purchases Land for Toledo Bend Recreation Facility at Pendleton Bridge



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(Sabine County, Texas) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) recently completed the acquisition of the Pendleton Harbor Marina property at the foot of Pendleton Bridge. SRA plans to construct a new park facility that will include recreational opportunities and improved boating access. The new facility is part of SRA's economic development program to enhance recreational opportunities throughout the Sabine River Basin, fulfilling SRA's commitment to assist in the development of the Basin.

Conceptual plans for the Pendleton Park site on Toledo Bend include a new multi-lane boat ramp with protective jetty and fishing pier, enhanced parking, pavilion, swim beach, playground areas, public restrooms, walking trails and other amenities. The facility will accommodate recreational fishing, small fishing tournaments, community gatherings and recreational enthusiasts on Toledo Bend Reservoir. The swim beach, playground facilities and other amenities will be designed for day use and provide for a family friendly environment.

SRA is working with TXDOT to provide improved turn lanes on State Highway 21 for safe entry and exit to the facility. Future plans for the property include a new SRA Administrative office to better serve the residents up and down the shoreline of Toledo Bend and a visitor center to welcome people as they come into Texas from out of state.

Sabine County Judge Daryl Melton is excited about the planned improvements. "Sabine County and all of East Texas are blessed to have SRA develop a project of this significance on Toledo Bend. The new facility will enhance recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to the area. I expect that additional private investment in the area will follow this project and is perfectly timed to work with our economic development vision in Sabine County. We appreciate the Sabine River Authority and their efforts to make this happen."

David Montagne, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Sabine River Authority of Texas noted, "In addition to being a major water supply reservoir for the East Texas area, Toledo Bend has earned a reputation as a premier fishery. The new construction will provide a first-class park facility and administrative offices to better serve our customers and welcome visitors to Texas. This recreational improvement project, along with recent improvements at the Six-Mile boat ramp and other potential improvements along the shores of Toledo Bend, continue to demonstrate SRA's commitment to areas surrounding Toledo Bend."

Created by the Legislature in 1949, the Sabine River Authority of Texas 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.