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Sabine River Authority Pump Station Dedication



(Orange, TX) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) has completed the construction of a new modern pumping facility in Southeast Texas to ensure a reliable raw water supply for current and future customers in Orange and Newton Counties. The 85 million gallons per day (MGD) raw water pump station was built in Newton County along the main stem of the Sabine River immediately downstream of Highway 12 near Deweyville. In addition to the pump station a new 7-mile, 66-inch diameter pipeline was constructed to convey the raw water from the new pump station to SRA's existing John W. Simmons Gulf Coast Canal System (Canal System) in Orange County.

The new Gulf Coast Division Pump Station currently houses three, 750-horsepower, 42-inch diameter vertical turbine pumps and has space for five additional pumps to meet future development demands. The new facility was funded by a \$75 million loan through the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) as administered by the Texas Water Development Board and will be repaid from SRA's raw water industrial customers located in Orange and Newton Counties. The new pump station

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and conveyance system is available to provide raw water supplies for existing customers as well as support new customers for the future development of Orange and Newton Counties.

On July 7, 2021, the Sabine River Authority of Texas hosted special dignitaries, customers, and board members at a dedication ceremony for the naming of the new facility as the Earl Williams Pump Station. Mr. Earl Williams, a longtime resident of Orange, was originally appointed to the Board of Directors of the Sabine River Authority of Texas on May 2, 1994, by Governor Ann Richards, serving a 5-year term. Mr. Williams was reappointed by Governor Rick Perry and again by Governor Greg Abbott, serving a total of over 23 years as a Board Member. Mr. Williams has served on the Executive Committee a total of 13 years, including four years as Board President.

In March 2021, the current SRA Board of Directors chose to name the newly constructed Gulf Coast Pump Station, the Earl Williams Pump Station in honor and dedication of the service of Mr. Earl Williams.

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