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## SRA Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for New Lake Tawakoni Recreation Facility



Lake Tawakoni Recreation Facility Groundbreaking – March 11, 2020 (L-R) SRA General Manager, David Montagne; Van Zandt Pct. 3 County Commissioner, Keith Pearson; SRA Board Members Tom Beall, Jeff Jacobs, Laurie Woloszyn, Janie Walenta, Jeanette Sterner, Kevin Williams and Mac Abney

(Lake Tawakoni Reservoir, Texas) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Lake Tawakoni Recreation Facility to be constructed off FM 47 in Van Zandt County near the Iron Bridge Dam. The new facility is part of SRA's economic development program to enhance recreational opportunities throughout the Sabine River Basin, fulfilling SRA's obligation to assist in the development of the Basin. The new Lake Tawakoni Recreation Facility will include a pavilion, multi-lane boat ramp, public parking and restrooms to accommodate fishing tournaments, community gatherings and recreation enthusiasts on Lake Tawakoni Reservoir. Initial survey and permitting work has begun with anticipated completion of the new facility by the end of 2020.

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Van Zandt County Commissioner Keith Pearson attended the groundbreaking ceremony and was excited with the proposed improvements. "The new recreation area being built on Lake Tawakoni by the Sabine River Authority is a big win for the residents of Van Zandt County and especially Precinct 3. Thanks to the SRA," Commissioner Keith Pearson.

David Montagne, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Sabine River Authority of Texas said, "In addition to being a major water supply reservoir for the East Texas area, Lake Tawakoni has earned a reputation as a premier destination for families and anglers alike. Lake Tawakoni continues to positively impact our local and regional economies while providing a high quality, dependable supply of surface water. The construction of this new recreational facilities will provide a first-class venue to host large scale fishing tournaments and other large group events."

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.

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