



**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES
\$9,595,000 LOAN TO THE CITY OF ALTON TO FINANCE
WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

AUSTIN – (March 17, 2011) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a \$9,595,000 loan, with up to 100 percent principal forgiveness, from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund-Disadvantaged Communities Program to the City of Alton (Hidalgo County) to finance wastewater system improvements.

The City of Alton (City) proposes to use these funds to extend first-time wastewater service to eight existing disadvantaged subdivisions. The project includes installing of sewer lines, decommissioning and demolishing the Aloha Village lift station, upgrading an existing lift station, and adding 129 new manholes and all related appurtenances. The sewage collected by the proposed project will ultimately be treated by McAllen Public Utilities in its regional wastewater treatment plant.

The City is located in Hidalgo County, approximately five miles north of the City of Mission on state highway 107. The City was incorporated in 1978 and has an estimated population of 10,822. The City provides service to approximately 2,942 wastewater customers.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.