



**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES
\$4,975,000 LOAN TO THE RAYBURN COUNTRY
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT TO FINANCE
WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

AUSTIN – (May 4, 2011) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a \$4,975,000 loan from the Texas Water Development Fund to the Rayburn Country Municipal Utility District (Jasper County) to finance water and wastewater system improvements.

The Rayburn Country Municipal Utility District (District) proposes to use these funds for the planning, design and construction of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements. The project will include the construction of an ozone treatment system and replacement of old water system infrastructure. The District's wastewater treatment plant will be rehabilitated to correct significant corrosion, and a second parallel 0.3 million-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant will be built. The District will also rehabilitate multiple lift stations and replace segments of wastewater collection lines.

The District is the water and wastewater provider for a rural residential community located along the southeast portion of Sam Rayburn Lake, about 125 miles north of Houston. The estimated population served is 1,639, with 762 water connections and 673 wastewater connections.

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.