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## News Release

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### **San Antonio River Authority Donates Community Benches in Commemoration of 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Five benches delivered throughout Wilson County*

**Wilson County, TX** – In November, the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) delivered five benches to cities throughout Wilson County as gifts to the community to commemorate SARA's 80 years of service. Benches were delivered to the Wilson County courthouse, Floresville, La Vernia, Poth and Stockdale where local officials are installing them at their location of choice for the community to enjoy.

Wilson County Judge Richard L. Jackson said the bench was installed on the county courthouse lawn on Monday, November 27, and he has already received positive comments from community members of the bench to celebrate SARA's anniversary.

"Thanks to the San Antonio River Authority for everything they have done for our community and our San Antonio River watershed, which benefits our county greatly," said Judge Jackson.

The city of Floresville selected a place in the city park so the community can enjoy being close to the river.

"The bench the city received is beautiful. Staff is securing the bench on site (at the city park). It is such an honor and a privilege for the City of Floresville to be a recipient of the anniversary bench. The City wishes to express its' gratitude," said Floresville City Manager Henrietta Turner.

SARA was created by the 45<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature on May 5, 1937 and reorganized in 1961 to plan, manage and implement water-related programs and projects within the San Antonio River Watershed. For the past 80 years, SARA has implemented projects and programs to

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protect and enhance the creeks and rivers in the watershed through flood management, water quality and river recreation activities in its four county jurisdiction of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad counties.

“While these benches are intended for sitting, they really are meant to inspire community members to stand up and become more active and more engaged with our wonderful river and helping it play an even bigger part of our next 80 years together,” said SARA Board Director for Wilson County Darrell Brownlow, Ph.D.

Thanks to local partnerships in Wilson County, SARA is able to successfully carry out its mission to protect and enhance our creeks and rivers through service, leadership and expertise. It is with deep gratitude that we give the benches for community members to enjoy.

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