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RIVER AUTHORITY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF MARTINEZ IV WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

First wastewater treatment plant in Texas to receive Envision Bronze Award.

SAINT HEDWIG, TX – The San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) hosted a grand opening event on April 17, 2019 for the Martinez IV Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Saint Hedwig. The grand opening featured speakers including River Authority board member Jim Campbell and River Authority Utility Manager Amy Middleton, along with a ribbon cutting and a tour of the new treatment plant.

The River Authority first began providing wastewater service in 1966 and has since expanded to serve the growing communities in the river basin to carry out its mission for safe and clean waterways. The Martinez IV Wastewater Treatment Plant will serve the developing area in Eastern Bexar County near Interstate 10 and Graytown Road. The plant will begin by treating 250,000 gallons per day with the capability to reach a final permitted flow of 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD).

“The River Authority is proud to announce the grand opening of the Martinez IV Wastewater Treatment Plant,” said Jim Campbell, Bexar County Board Member for the San Antonio River Authority. “It is the first wastewater treatment plant in Texas to receive an Envision Bronze Award for sustainability. It will enhance our service to the community, and the protection of local creeks and rivers.”

The Envision Bronze Award is awarded by the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and recognizes the River Authority as a leader in sustainable infrastructure and the important roles it plays in support of our communities, the environment and the economy.

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The River Authority is committed to safe, clean, enjoyable creeks and rivers. The opening of the Martinez IV Wastewater Treatment Plant is one example of how the River Authority protects public safety and works to improve water quality in our basin. For more information on the River Authority's wastewater treatment plants please visit www.sara-tx.org.

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The San Antonio River Authority was created by the 45th 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 Basin. The State of Texas empowered the River Authority to preserve, protect and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the River Authority, visit our website at www.sara-tx.org.