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MEDIA ADVISORY

*Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials Celebrate Funding for
Bear Branch Dam Modification Project in The Woodlands*

WHAT: The Bear Branch Dam Modification Project is a rehabilitation and water conveyance project in The Woodlands managed by the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) on behalf of the Woodlands Water Agency (WWA). The project includes soil cement repairs and service spillway replacement improving conveyance and eliminating potential erosion of the spillway. SJRA owns, operates, and maintains the Bear Branch Drainage System on behalf of WWA and its member Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs). Constructed in 1983, the Bear Branch Dam provides drainage and flood mitigation benefits to the northern portions of The Woodlands Township.

FUNDING: The total estimated project cost is \$5 million. The project received \$3.6 million in federal community directed funding from U.S. Congressman Dan Crenshaw.

The remaining local share and funding for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Bear Branch Drainage System is provided by the five WWA-member MUDs that discharge their stormwater into the Bear Branch Drainage System (Montgomery County MUD No. 7, Montgomery County MUD No. 46, Montgomery County MUD No. 47, Montgomery County No. 60, and Montgomery County MUD No. 67). Each pays a pro-rata share of operating funds based on the number of equivalent single-family connections that drain to the Bear Branch Drainage System.

Engineering design is slated to begin during Fiscal Year 2024 and construction is anticipated to begin during Fiscal Year 2026.

WHO: U.S. Congressman Dan Crenshaw
Directors of Montgomery County Municipal Utility Districts 7, 46, 47, 60, and 67
Aubrey Spear, P.E. General Manager San Jacinto River Authority
Erich Peterson, PE General Manager Woodlands Water Agency

WHEN: Monday, February 26, 2024
1:30 – 2:00pm

WHERE: Located just west of Kuykendahl Road, The Woodlands, Texas. There will be signage directing people to the event.

Google Map Coordinates: 30.19543 N, 95.53630 W (South entrance of the reservoir located on the west side of Kuykendahl Road between Lake Woodlands Drive and Bay Branch Drive). The project is in Montgomery County in Precincts 2 and 3.

For interviews or additional information about the event, please contact Heather Ramsey hramsev@sjra.net 936-525-7567 (text first is preferred)

SJRA: One of the major river authorities in Texas, SJRA's mission is to develop, conserve, plan, and protect the water resources of the San Jacinto River basin. Covering all or part of seven counties, the organization's jurisdiction includes the entire San Jacinto River watershed, excluding Harris County. For additional information on SJRA visit our website at www.sjra.net, like SJRA on Facebook [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), or follow us on Twitter [@SJRA_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937), or find us on Instagram [@SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA](https://www.instagram.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthoritySJRA).

WWA: Woodlands Water is the central management agency for the ten Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) that currently serve The Woodlands in Montgomery County. The services we provide are water distribution, wastewater collection, storm drainage and tax collection services. The principal objective of Woodlands Water is to provide the MUDs we serve with professional, reliable and quality services consistent with fiscal responsibility. We are also committed to improving our efficiency and effectiveness at maintaining the utility infrastructure and enhancing communication with our customers. For additional information on SJRA visit our website at www.woodlandswater.org. Follow us on social media @WoodlandsWater.

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