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ALEXANDER SECURES \$1.5 MILLION IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR RAPIDES WWD3

CONGRESSMAN DELIVERS FUNDING FOR CENTRAL LOUISIANA RESIDENTS, TIOGA

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced that he has secured \$1.5 million in the Interior Appropriation's Conference Bill for the Water Works District No. 3 of Rapides Parish.

This funding, which is under the EPA's State and Tribal Categorical Grants program, will be used toward utilizing surface water from Big Creek in Grant Parish as its primary water source.

"I can't think of a more important project that deserves federal funding," said Alexander, a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

"State Rep. Rick Farrar and I have talked about this project for several months, and we feel like this funding was truly needed for Central Louisiana. By securing this federal funding, I believe that we are taking giant steps toward providing Central Louisiana residents with a clean water supply."

The conference report is expected to be passed by the full House and Senate and signed into law by President Bush in the coming days.

Approximately 80 percent of the water produced and sold by WWD3 is derived from Big Creek. The remaining 20 percent of the District's water is produced from water production wells. Due to the high cost of treatment of surface water and associated regulatory costs, the District wishes to expand its ground water capacity.

The WWD3 is currently implementing a Capital Improvements Plan which consists of the construction of approximately 25 projects located in the service area of WWD3. This funding will aid in the installation of the water production wells at Esler Field, and it will increase the District's capacity to meet current system demands and ensure adequate water supply to 18,000 people served by WWD3.

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