



FLOODPLAIN COALITION
THANKS LCRA WITH RESOLUTION

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AUSTIN – Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition Chair and Burnet County Commissioner James Oakley recently presented a resolution to the LCRA Board of Directors on behalf of the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition (TCRFC) to thank LCRA for its support of the organization.

“LCRA has been a leader in stewardship and floodplain management for decades and has made Central Texas a safer place to live,” Oakley said.

At the LCRA Board’s Oct. 18 meeting, Oakley thanked LCRA for fostering the coalition’s basinwide programs and services that provide guidelines for mitigating hazards, updating floodplain maps, helping communities obtain lower-cost flood insurance by improving floodplain management, and distributing all-hazard radios.

LCRA Board member Ida A. Carter, representing Burnet County, in turn thanked Oakley for his leadership of the coalition.

“James has played a significant role in helping the communities of the Colorado River basin work together to protect life and property during the river’s regular floods,” Carter said. Carter listed some of the coalition’s accomplishments, including helping secure \$7.6 million in federal appropriations for a basinwide study to identify and implement flood damage reduction strategies, and receiving more than \$700,000 in federal grants for development of updated floodplain maps and hazard mitigation plans.

“This means that for the first time in more than 25 years this region has updated maps and plans, so people know if they are in harm’s way and can take the appropriate precautions to protect their lives and property,” Carter said.

The TCRFC is celebrating its five-year anniversary this fall. A celebration and recognition ceremony will take place on November 14, 2006, in Creedmoor, Texas, near Austin at the Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch and Pavilion.

The TCRFC is a partnership of 54 cities and counties to help coordinate floodplain management and weather safety efforts in the lower Colorado River basin and surrounding area. With the assistance of the Lower Colorado River Authority, the TCRFC was formed in 2001 in response to the rapid growth of homes and businesses in the floodplain and the reoccurring floods in the river basin. In 2005, the coalition won national recognition from the Association of State Floodplain Managers with the James Lee Witt Local Award for Excellence. The TCRFC welcomed its 54th member this summer with the addition of the Village of Briarcliff in Travis County. For more information about the organization, visit its website at www.tcrfc.org.

Caption:

LCRA HONORED - Speaking on behalf of the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition, Burnet County Commissioner James Oakley (center), presented LCRA a resolution thanking LCRA for its work in support of the coalition, which Oakley chairs. With Oakley are LCRA Board Chair Ray Wilkerson (left) and LCRA Assistant General Manager Marcus Pridgeon.