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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Improvements to the City Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Underway**

**Kerrville, Texas (May 24, 2019)** - The City of Kerrville completed construction of its surface water treatment plant in 1984, an infrastructure project born in response to the 1950's dust-bowl drought. Since its completion, the plant has provided more than 40 trillion gallons of drinking water to Kerrville.



“The water treatment plant is an amazing asset; however, it is in need of some repairs and maintenance,” Water

Production Superintendent Grant Terry said. “Rehabilitation of the water treatment plant clarifier, the large circular settling basin at the center of our plant, is very important because it is key in settling out contaminants and producing a high quality drinking water.”

The clarifier rehab should be completed in early July, in time for the warmer weather and higher water demands.

Two other active utility projects include:

- Installation of a new water treatment plant filtration system;
- Construction of the Legion Wastewater Lift Station.

Not only is the water treatment plant getting a rehabbed clarifier, but it is also getting a new filtration system. The new granular activated carbon (GAC) filters will produce a superior quality drinking water.

“As the watershed becomes more populated, rain runoff increases the organic material in the river,” Assistant Director of Public Works Scott Loveland said. “The GAC filtration system not only removes this organic material, but it will also produce an even cleaner and better tasting drinking water.”

These filters will also assure that the organic byproducts, trihalomethanes, are eliminated. The GAC filtration system installation should be completed by February 2020.

The new Legion Wastewater Lift Station will be located in the Loop 534 and Highway 27 area and will be able to pump nine million gallons per day, almost double the pumping capacity of the old station. This will allow for future expansion and development of properties currently not served by wastewater in that area. This project should be complete in early 2020.

Both the GAC filtration and the Legion Lift Station projects are being partially funded through a special low-interest Clean Water State Revolving Funds and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, the city’s Economic Improvement

Corporation (EIC) contributed \$2 million in funding for the Legion Lift Station project, due to the economic development interest in infrastructure expansion.

All three projects will help to assure that Kerrville's superior water and wastewater systems proactively expand in support of the Kerrville community's growing population and business sector.