



Irving Flood Control District completes five major projects in 2009

Irving Flood Control District Section III (IFCD 3), the publicly funded entity responsible for providing flood control facilities and operations in the Valley Ranch community, will finish the 2009 calendar year with operational costs below budget and five key projects completed.

The most significant assignment completed was a series of improvements to the Ledbetter sump area at the northeast intersection of MacArthur and Avenue of Champions. The District reconstructed slopes, installed four large storm drains and put in place shoreline protection. The improvements significantly reduced erosion and damage to the Ledbetter sump while enhancing the aesthetics of the area.

In 2009, the District completed a number of additional major projects, including:

Commissioned functional improvements and upgrades to the District's supervisory control and data acquisition, or SCADA, system at the pump station, which included running tests and simulations before installing the full system on July 24, 2009 for functional flood control use

Added a driveway and gate to the pump station and made improvements to the area, including landscaping and painting

Installed wrought iron security fencing and brick columns to protect the pump station facility and floodgates and to facilitate pedestrian access from Valley Ranch alongside the pump station facility to the City's Sam Houston Trail Park

Researched a backup power provision plan for the storm water pump station and evaluated the existing electrical system.

"The amount of projects the District completed all on, if not under, budget is a true testimony to the board's commitment to providing effective and efficient service," said Kim Andres, IFCD 3 president. "Our focus in 2010, and beyond will be to continue providing safeguards for residents and businesses and helping to preserve the economic value of their property by maintaining the water drainage facilities throughout the community."

Looking ahead to the next year, the District will focus on completing a number of additional major projects, such as:

Working with the Valley Ranch Association to construct and maintain perimeter fencing extending along the inside perimeter of the levee from The Lakes subdivision north and west to connect with MacArthur Blvd.

Commissioning engineering and construction to address an area of wall failure along Canoe Canal.

With both of these major projects and routine maintenance improvements underway, 2010 will be filled with continued advancement to maintain the waterways and water management facilities in Valley Ranch. The District will continue to operate efficiently and effectively with a commitment to fiscal responsibility. To keep residents informed of the District's progress and more importantly, provide a two-way communications tool, the District is now on facebook and Twitter. Residents can visit the Web site, www.ifcd3.org to connect with the District and sign up for e-mail news and information.