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#### City of Bastrop Wastewater Treatment Plant #3 Groundbreaking

Bastrop, Texas – March 26, 2021 – Today, officials from the City of Bastrop, Bastrop City Council, Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, Visit Bastrop, Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, KSA Engineers, Barr Construction, and citizens gathered to break ground on construction of state of the art Wastewater Treatment Plant. This development is in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), whereby when the city is operating at or near capacity in its existing plants, the city is required to begin expansion. KSA was awarded the contract to design the new wastewater treatment plant and collection system on October 31, 2018.

“The need for wastewater expansion has been known for a very, very long time,” said Mayor Connie Schroeder, “something had to be done. We couldn’t kick the can down the road anymore. In our Comprehensive Plan, approved in 2016, we had two main goals: expand wastewater collection and treatment capacity and to enhance the efficiency.”

“There are a couple of things driving the need for this wastewater facility. One is, we are at capacity with our current system right now. The other is, the community is growing, the area in the city’s extraterritorial jurisdictions is growing, it is our objective to serve that area with water and sewer and achieve the council’s objective of managed growth,” said Assistant City Manager Trey Job.

“We want to be a good neighbor. There will be a 100 ft. tree buffer between the adjacent homes. The office is going to be architecturally similar to the homes that are in this area. It’s really important to us that we are a good neighbor and that we help Bastrop grow. This location eventually has the ultimate ability to serve 70,000 homes,”

KSA designed this initial plant to process 2.0 million gallons per day with an expansion possibility for up to 8.0 million gallons per day as needed. City of Bastrop Mayor Connie Schroeder reminded the community, “It is state of the art, it is the right thing to do, and we have the ability to expand. We cannot be a city if we cannot provide utility services.” The development of this wastewater treatment plant also coincides with dramatic population growth happening today as well as projected into the next decade.

The City of Bastrop asked KSA to take every reasonable and fiscally responsible measure to mitigate potential odor from the plant. “All of the reasonable technological advances that are available to us today to mitigate smell have been built into this plant,” said Bob Lane, P.E., Lead Project Manager for

KSA. In preparation of the design, KSA Engineers field tested odor emissions from the existing wastewater treatment plant in Bastrop, and other wastewater treatment plants in the area.

The City is excited to give the citizens of Bastrop a wastewater treatment plant that will be able to efficiently treat wastewater for the current and increasing population in a fashion that is environmentally sound and provides as little impact on the neighbors as possible.

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The Mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide innovative and proactive services that enhance our authentic way of life and achieve our vision.

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