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NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PLEDGES RESTORATION AND MINIMAL IMPACT FOR WASTEWATER LINE IN COLLIN COUNTY

(Wylie, TX) Officials with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) said today the pipeline route for the wastewater line that will be constructed along an acquired easement within the Heard Museum property would cause minimal disruption to vegetation and wildlife. In addition, Freese and Nichols, Inc., the engineering and construction firm which designed the wastewater pipeline, has developed restoration specifications for this project. As with any NTMWD construction project, the preservation of existing foliage within the property area has been considered. The NTMWD always strives to maintain project integrity with the least impact to existing foliage and wildlife.

“The pipeline installation will not disrupt the wetland. The boring and installation of the pipeline will occur 15 to 23 feet below the wetland,” said Denise Hickey, Public Relations Coordinator for NTMWD. “We are taking various measures to minimize disruption, including construction and silt fencing on both sides of the easement to ensure construction activities remain within the granted easement property.

Hickey also said the NTMWD is working with the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to make sure the project remains in compliance with federal regulations.

The pipeline route was chosen by Heard Museum representatives. In December 2009 at a Special Commissioner’s Hearing, a panel granted the construction easement necessary to provide continued services to one of the largest growth corridors in Collin County. NTMWD officials say the pipeline project is anticipated to be completed by the end of the summer. Construction has commenced and is essential to ensure the continued operation of the NTMWD regional wastewater system in an environmentally efficient manner.

“The NTMWD worked diligently with the Heard Museum to select the least invasive pipeline route,” said Hickey. “The Heard Museum selected this route which increased the NTMWD project cost by \$750,000. The NTMWD agreed to this project increase and are paying fair market value for the easement property, as granted by the Special Commissioners.”

“In developing the restoration specifications, many details were considered from preserving existing foliage, to replacing surface soil and seeding, and re-establishment of ground vegetation,” said Hickey. “Our goal is to maintain the integrity of the project with the least amount of impact.”

More information on the pipeline route can be found on the NTMWD Web site at www.ntmwd.com.

About the North Texas Municipal Water District:

The NTMWD is a regional wholesale provider charged with the mission to acquire, treat, and distribute potable water, and to collect, treat and dispose of wastes, both liquid and solid, in order protect the environment, conserve and develop the natural resources of Texas. NTMWD is a special district of the state. Rates for services are set at cost, no profits are included, and no taxes are collected. Services are provided by contracts to each participating city.