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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$157,450 MOCK CHECK TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT #1 OF MADISON COUNTY

Terry A. Luetkmeyer, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, Farmington, MO, presented the Public Water Supply District #1 of Madison County with a \$157,450 Mock Check on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. The grant funds will be used to construct a water line extension. The proposal includes a 2,500 foot section of 6 inch PVC main that will serve approximately 10 people. The extension is along Highway 72 corridor just west of the intersection of Highway 72 and U.S. Highway 67.

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "I'm proud to see the federal government investing in our state. Updating and expanding infrastructure in rural areas can be a challenge, but I'm pleased this grant will make it easier for Madison County."

PWSD #1 President Raymond Skaggs said, "The ECWAG grant will enable us to begin to provide service into an area that has experienced a tremendous loss in the quality and quantity of potable water due to the drought. This grant, in combination with the Predevelopment Grant for the North System, will enable the Water District to improve and extend the water service for the citizens of Madison County."

Anita J. Dunning, USDA Acting State Director, said "Having an environmentally safe water system is important to all residents and I commend everyone involved on their hard work in making this project a reality. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Donna R. Martin, Area Specialist, at the Farmington Area Office of USDA Rural Development at, 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 or by calling (573) 756-6413, extension 4.



Picture from left to right: Kevin Hunsbain, Rural Development Manager; Bill DeSpain, Operator, PWSD#1; Donna Martin, Area Specialist, Rural Development; Dora Rosa, Treasurer, PWSD#1 of Madison County; Kent Marler, Board of Directors; Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Rural Development; Maggie Belko, Board of Directors; Ben Dyer, Senator Claire McCaskill's Office; Barbara Parson, Board of Directors; Raymond Skaggs, President of the Board of Directors; Tim Robbs, Taylor Engineering; Heather Garner, Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson's Office

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