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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

The San Antonio Bay Foundation (SABF) has awarded \$31,000 to the Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island (FAMI) Water for Wildlife Project. The project entails converting and rehabilitating old dysfunctional windmill powered water wells to solar powered pumps. The maintenance of these freshwater drinking sources is critical for wildlife on the remote Matagorda Island.

Funds were made available to the San Antonio Bay Foundation pursuant to a settlement agreement with the Texas General Land Office and Kirby Inland Marine. These funds are Supplemental Environmental Project funds which resulted from the oil spill in the Houston ship channel on March 23, 2014 and made landfall on Matagorda Island.

The San Antonio Bay Foundation recognizes the need and has now provided funding for the Water for Wildlife Project totaling \$41,000.

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