

# Chautauqua RWD 4 funded northern portion will be next phase

**F**unding approval of \$2.185 million was recently announced by USDA Rural Development for Chautauqua County RWD 4. The loan and grant is part of a \$6.5 million project. The present funding will construct about 118 miles of pipeline in the southern portion of the district, generally located in the southeast 1/8 of Chautauqua County.

U.S. Representative Todd Tiaht and USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks presented a check for \$2,185,000 at Sedan in late August. This represents final funding for the southern part of the county and 117 residents who signed up for rural water. A second phase will include residents in the northern part of the county.

Larry Cameron, Chairman of the RWD, was recently quoted in the *Sedan Times-Star*. "This is a landmark day for Chautauqua County. We started this process way back in 1995 and we have gone through a lot of applications, rejections and redoing our initial plans to get to this point."

The original concept for a project was split into two projects:

A wholesale water district which is near completion and the residential hookups which were funded through the recent USDA loan/grant announcement.

When completed, the project will involve 280 miles of pipeline. The project consultant is Bartlett & West Engineers, Topeka, Kan. The new district's water source will be Public

Wholesale Water Supply District 20 which treats water from Quivera Boy Scout Lake. The water rates in the new Chautauqua RWD 4 are as follows: Connection fee: \$1,000; monthly minimum, \$ 30 with no water. Tentative rates for all water use are \$4.25 and \$4.50 per thousand gallons. 5,000 gal would cost approximately \$52.50.



Residents of the new Rural Water District 4, Chautauqua County, called it a landmark day when receiving approval of funding by USDA Rural Development to install the system. A ceremonial check for \$2.185 million was recently presented to the RWD. Pictured above, U.S. Representative Todd Tiaht, USDA Loan Specialist Dale Yeager, State USDA Director Chuck Banks, RWD 4 Chairman Larry Cameron, Karen Thompson, Roland Cain, Billie Jennings, County Commissioner Danny Williams, Connie Rogers, Edwin Bowman and Vonnice Cameron. Photo courtesy of USDA Rural Development.

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