

JWSC inks water deal with Trails End HOA **by Keith Tooley**

Trails End residents could be drinking treated water from Jonestown Water Supply Corporation as early as May 1.

After more than four years of meetings and negotiations, the Trails End Homeowners Association and Jonestown Water Supply Corporation have reached an agreement –the water supply corporation will provide badly needed water to residents of Trails End, a community that has to drill for water.

The agreement, signed Jan.23 by JWSC officers Billy Carter, president and Dave Stewart, secretary-treasurer, and Trails End HOA president Jim Roberts, limits the number of lots to be served by JWSC to 80. The total number of lots to be served initially, however, is 65.

At the signing, Roberts presented a \$220,500 check to JWSC, money collected from Trails End HOA members for the project. The Trails End HOA had already paid JWSC \$7500 to cover expenses the corporation had incurred up to Nov. 2003. These expenses included attorneys, bank and consultant fees for work on the project.

“It’s a great thing. Trails End desperately needs the water,” said Carter. “The lots (in Trails End) are not big enough for septic tanks and fields, which are so close together that they can contaminate the water wells,” he explained.

“All the credit for this deal goes to our staff (Karissa Kornegay, Susan Barnett, John Tichi, Operations Superintendent) and board member Dave Stewart,” Carter added.

The projected cost to Trails End homeowners is \$209,000, which JWSC

will use to install 16,000 feet of pipe to transport the water from the water plant in Jonestown to Trails End. To help keep costs down, 700 of the 16,000 feet of pipe will be 12-inch, high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) installed along the bottom of Lake Travis, the most direct route from the water plant to Trails End.

Each Trails End homeowner pitched in \$3,500 to pay for the installation of the line that will bring the water. With 65 lot owners wanting water, that’s \$227,500 that has been collected to date for the project.

Once the water line is installed, it will cost each property owner another \$2,300 for an equity buy-in fee required from all JWSC customers when their homes are connected to the water supply.

Trails End residents will pay the same rate for their water as JWSC’s 1,015 customers currently pay, Kornegay added.