



## County of Panola

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December 31, 2015

Ms. Erica Garza, Assistant Director for CDBG Programs  
Texas Department of Agriculture  
P. O. Box 12847  
Austin, TX 78711

RE Panola County Request for 2015 STEP Assistance

Dear Ms. Garza:

Panola County is requesting assistance through the STEP Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture to assist Deadwood Water Supply Corporation with water system improvements that provide a system-wide benefit.

Deadwood WSC is requesting funding to replace water meters and provide distribution and/or pump station improvements. Distribution main improvements will improve the service and reliability for existing customers on the Deadwood water system. Pump station improvements would include improvements to convert an existing elevated tank plant to a hydro-pneumatic plant to address a current TCEQ plant capacity violation.

Our proposed project lends itself well to the STEP program's self-help method. Our volunteer-based approach is cost effective and will provide much needed water improvements to low income areas of the County. Panola County has successfully completed three STEP projects, and we look forward to the opportunity afforded us by the Texas Department of Agriculture to continue to utilize all resources and tools available to improve the quality of life for our rural residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LeeAnn Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LeeAnn Jones  
County Judge