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**GOVERNOR FLETCHER BREAKS GROUND FOR JAMESTOWN
WATER INTAKE PROJECT ON LAKE CUMBERLAND**

Guards against further threats to drinking water for 5,000 people

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Governor Ernie Fletcher today broke ground on a new water intake system for the city of Jamestown – a \$3.3 million project the Governor authorized with emergency funding to ensure uninterrupted water service for 5,000 people.

“This project is a vital part of our plan to be ready in the event Lake Cumberland is lowered even further by the Army Corps of Engineers,” said Governor Fletcher. “Our actions now will ensure that citizens, businesses and industries have a safe, reliable source of water.”

The Corps lowered Lake Cumberland by 43 feet in January to begin a seven-year repair project on Wolf Creek Dam. Jamestown was among several public water suppliers forced to modify intakes after the Corps warned that the lake could be lowered 30 feet more by the end of the year.

“While it is our hope that repairs can be done to Wolf Creek Dam without any additional lowering of Lake Cumberland, we must be ready and heed the Corps’ warnings to have intakes that will function at lower levels,” said Sen. Vernie McGaha (R-Russell Springs).

“When talking about a resource as vital as drinking water, we can’t take any chances that the lake can remain at its current level,” said Rep. Jeff Hoover (R-Jamestown). “This project assures that the citizens of Jamestown will have water service in the worst case scenario the lake is lowered even further.”

The project consists of a new floating intake with three turbo pumps, 9,000 feet of 18-

inch transmission line, an electrical/controls building, power cables and telemetry controls.

Jamestown's new intake will float on a barge to allow for water level fluctuation. It will allow withdrawal of water at an elevation of 620 feet above sea level – 60 feet below the current level of the lake.

On April 12, 2007, Governor Fletcher signed Executive Order 2007-298, authorizing the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD), in coordination with the Office of the State Budget Director, to fund projects to ensure the continued public health and safety of counties in the Cumberland River basin. GOLD is the agency responsible for administering the funding for this project.