

## Update to Water Supply Plan Presented to SAWS Board

*Recommendations bring new options for less cost, comparable volume*

SAWS President/CEO David Chardavoine presented recommendations June 21 to the SAWS Board concerning updates to the city's water supply plan. Board action on the recommendations will occur at their August meeting.

The recommendations are the first five-year update of the 2000 Water Resource Plan approved by City Council in 2000. They also dovetail with the updates currently underway with the Region L water plan.

"Water is a dynamic business," noted Chardavoine. "Since the plan of 2000 was instituted, additional supplies of 75,000 acre feet have been added, population projections have changed significantly, per capita water use has dropped thanks to folks conserving water, and research has yielded new water options. The bottom line is that ratepayers and the community deserve an updated plan that is more realistic and affordable."

Chardavoine continued, "We are now in a position where we can take a look at the variety of projects that we've been researching over the last five years, and make informed choices about which projects have the best combination of risk, feasibility, and cost to meet our needs. Now we are poised to move toward providing an ample supply of diversified water at reasonable costs to the community."

The recommendations to the Board included:

### Retain:

- Edwards Aquifer Supply additional acquisition of 35,000 acre feet
- Recharge Initiative testing in Nueces River Basin and Cibolo Creek Watershed

### Renegotiate:

- Lower Colorado River Authority Project

### Short-term Hold:

- Regional Carrizo Project in Gonzales and Wilson Counties in order to re-evaluate timing, strategy, and facility location

### Add:

- Brackish Groundwater Treatment Facility

### Withdraw from:

- Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project
- Simsboro (Alcoa) Project

The recommendations also include two scenarios for supplying water in San Antonio. In Scenario 1, SAWS would continue to plan and provide water for its existing service area and foreseeable growth. Scenario 2 would also have SAWS as a regional water planner and wholesaler for the Bexar County area. This scenario would require agreements with water providers in the county and long-term contracts for the service.

The full report on the 2005 Water Resource Plan is on the web at [www.saws.org](http://www.saws.org). Outreach for community feedback has begun and will continue through mid-August.

## With Our Apologies...

The May edition of the Water News included an article on the 79th Texas Legislature and included a list of members from Bexar County who had received key committee chairmanships by the Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House. This article unfortunately omitted a key member of the Bexar County Delegation, Senator Jeff Wentworth.

Sen. Wentworth was appointed Chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee. Sen. Wentworth, a San Antonio native, has over 17 years of service to our great State in both the House or Senate, and has been a strong supporter of SAWS.

We at SAWS, and especially the staff of this newsletter, would like to extend our sincere apologies to Senator Wentworth.

## Watering Reminder

- Remember daily landscape watering times:
  - Before 10 a.m.
  - After 8 p.m.
- Mid-day watering is only allowed with a hand-held hose or a five-gallon bucket.
- Charity car washes are only permitted at certified commercial car wash facilities.
- Water waste is prohibited at all times.

## SAWS Warns of Impostors

SAWS officials are cautioning residents to be on guard against individuals who may be falsely representing themselves as SAWS employees.

"Unfortunately, some individuals use SAWS name in an effort to gain the trust of our customers. Some try to represent their product as endorsed by SAWS, others try to gain entrance to individuals homes by saying they need to inspect water fixtures at the residence," said SAWS Supervisor George Wissmann.

"We want residents in the area to know that we don't endorse any brand of filtration product or water softener. Also they should know that SAWS employees won't come to customers' doors and ask for entrance unless the customer has first requested them to come to the home."

All SAWS responders drive vehicles marked with the SAWS logo and carry an ID card with the employee's photo on it.

"If there is any question at all about the person at the door, call SAWS Customer Service at 704-SAWS for verification of employment," Wissmann added. "Our customers' safety is always critical to us."

## WaterSaver Awards Honor Local Conservationists

Local water-conscious organizations were recently recognized at SAWS 9th Annual WaterSaver Awards. The awards program recognizes extraordinary local and regional water conservation initiatives undertaken by Industrial, Commercial and Institutional water users. Collectively, those honored through the WaterSaver Awards program over the past eight years have reduced water consumption in San Antonio by an astounding one billion gallons per year.

Proceeds from the WaterSaver Awards Breakfast go toward the Water Conservation Scholarship Fund for students interested in pursuing studies in a field that assists in securing future water needs.

WaterSaver Awards are sponsored by SAWS, San Antonio Business Journal, KTSA Radio, and KENS 5.

### Honorees:

- Councilman Art Hall
- WaterSaver Scholarship Recipient: Meghan Gallagher
- San Antonio Apartment Association
- Fort Sam Houston Army Installation
- The Republic Golf Club
- Vanguard-Baptist Medical Center
- San Antonio Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Trammell Crow-One Alamo Center
- Texas Public Radio
- East Central High School Choir Booster Club
- Knights of Columbus #8306
- Omni Hotel
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- The Witte Museum



*Scholarship recipient Meghan Gallagher (center) receives the award from representatives of KTSA Radio, San Antonio Business Journal, KENS 5, and SAWS Community Conservation Committee.*

## National Night Out

National Night Out is on August 2nd from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.! This unique event is a great opportunity to get out and join your neighbors in a celebration of community. Last year over 34 million Americans took this opportunity to meet, greet, or get re-acquainted.

The San Antonio Police Department coordinates the National Night Out event and can provide some great ideas on how you can organize, or participate in, a National Night Out for your community.

It can be as simple as reminding your neighbors of the event and setting an example by getting outside that night. Or you could help organize a block party with activities like a bike parade, karaoke contest, or barbecue.

You can arrange visits by San Antonio Police Department Officers from your local substation, or even schedule a visit by a fire truck.

Be sure and register your event with the city. Send in documentation and your event could be recognized -- each Council District presents an award for best event.

For more information, contact the San Antonio Police Department at 207-2307 or visit the SAPD web site at [www.sanantonio.gov/sapd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd) and click on the National Night Out button. Registration packets with suggested activities are also available at your local police substation.

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### Numbers to Know

Business Office	704-SAWS (704-7297)
Customer Account Information	704-SAWS
Jobline	704-SAWS
T.D.D.	704-1852
CleanStream Hotline	212-5326

### 24-Hour Emergency

Customer Service/	
Water Waste Reporting	704-SAWS
Visit our web site at <a href="http://www.saws.org">www.saws.org</a>	



### Drinking, bathing, cleaning, cooking....

Many people take water for granted. But everyday, families risk losing water service because they can't afford to pay their water bill. If you'd like to help keep water flowing to our neighbors in need, you can contribute to Project Agua, a non-profit program from SAWS helping customers pay their water bill. It's simple and no contribution is too small to help. Just look for the donation box on the return portion of your SAWS bill.