

San Antonio Water System Standard Specifications for Construction

ITEM NO. 906
WATER USE ACCOUNTABILITY

DESCRIPTION: This item shall govern the preparation and implementation of the contractor's water use accountability program for the specified project. This specification is not intended to be an all-inclusive, but is a guide outlining the procedures to report water usage during a construction contract.

MEASUREMENT: Measurement of the Item, "Water Use Accountability" as specified herein, will not be measured for payment. The contractor shall submit the project specific water use log each month along with the monthly invoice. Forms are available at the SAWS website. Each log shall record the estimated and/or actual use of water during that period. Monthly construction invoices will not be processed unless accompanied by a water use log. The forms include guidance on how to calculate the amount of water used. Include the estimated quantity of water used for filling an empty water line, flushing through a fire hydrant, flushing through a blow-off, leaks, filling water tanks and trucks, etc.

PAYMENTS: No direct payment shall be made for the incidental cost associated with preparation and submission of the Contractor's project specific water use logs. For SAWS funded projects, water will be issued at no charge to the contractor. For the SAWS portion of construction work contracted through the City of San Antonio Public Works, Texas Department of Transportation, Bexar County, etc., water will be issued at no charge to the contractor. Monthly logs of water usage are required. The contractor is required to obtain a fire hydrant meter/backflow assembly from SAWS Customer Service. A refundable deposit will be required. For all non-SAWS work, the contractor shall be responsible for obtaining a fire hydrant meter from SAWS Customer Service and establish an account to pay for actual water usage. Payment for these accounts are handled through normal SAWS customer account procedures.

IMPLEMENTATION: The implementation of this specification for SAWS construction projects will begin on all contracts executed after August 1, 2000.