ITEM NO. 841
HYDROSTATIC TESTING OPERATIONS

841.1 DESCRIPTION: This item shall consist of hydrostatic testing operations, of water mains in accordance with these specifications.

841.2 MATERIALS: The materials for hydrostatic testing operations installation and adjustment shall conform to the appropriate specifications contained within the latest revision of SAWS' Material Specifications.

841.3 CONSTRUCTION:

1. Flushing: Immediately upon completion of pipe laying, the Contractor shall flush all mains laid. This flushing shall consist of completely filling sections of main between valves and then displacing such initial volumes of water by introducing clear water from existing facilities into and through the main to the point of discharge from the main being flushed. The flow-through shall continue until it is determined all dust, debris, or foreign matter that may have entered during pipe laying operations has been flushed out. The new line shall then be left under system pressure for testing.

   To avoid damage to pavement and inconvenience to the public, fire hoses shall be used to direct flushing water from the main into suitable drainage channels or sewers

2. Operation of Valves: No valve in the Owner's water distribution system shall be operated by the Contractor without prior permission of the Owner. The Contractor shall notify the Owner when a valve is to be operated and shall only operate the valve in the presence of the Owner's representative.

3. Hydrostatic Test: Except in the high pressure sections of the water distribution system where test pressures will exceed 150 psi, all new mains shall be hydrostatically field tested at a maximum test pressure of 150 psi before acceptance by the Engineer/Owner. Where designated as "High Pressure Area," all new mains shall be hydrostatically field tested at a maximum test pressure of 200 psi before acceptance by the Engineer/Owner. It is the intent of these

Specifications that all joints be watertight and that all joints which are found to leak by observation during any test shall be made watertight by the Contractor. In case repairs are required, the hydrostatic field test shall be repeated until the pipe installation conforms to the specified requirements and is acceptable to the Engineer/Owner. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer/Owner prior to beginning the test and the San Antonio Water System Construction Inspector may be present during the pressure test.

4. Test Procedures: After the new main has been laid and backfilled as specified, but prior to chlorination and replacement of pavement, it shall be filled with water for a minimum of 24 hours and then subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test.

The specified test pressure shall be supplied by means of a pump connected to the main in a satisfactory manner. The pump, pipe connection, and all necessary apparatus including gauges and meters shall be furnished by the Contractor. Unless otherwise specified, the Owner will furnish water for filling lines and making tests through existing mains. Before applying the specified test pressure, all air shall be expelled from the main. To accomplish this, taps shall be made, if necessary, at the points of highest elevation and afterwards tightly plugged at no cost to the Owner. At intervals during the test, the entire route of the new main shall be inspected to locate any leaks or breaks. If any are found, they shall be stopped or repaired, and the test shall be repeated until satisfactory results are obtained. The hydrostatic test shall be made so that the maximum pressure at the lowest point does not exceed the specified test pressure.

The duration of each pressure test shall be a minimum of 4 hours for new mains in excess of 1000 linear feet and a minimum of 1 hour for new mains less than 1000 linear feet after the main has been brought up to test pressure. The test pressure shall be measured by means of a tested and properly calibrated pressure gauge acceptable to the Engineer/Owner. All pressure tests shall be continued until the Owner is satisfied that the new main meets the requirements of these Specifications.

Should any test of pipe in place disclose leakage greater than that listed in Table 841-1 or 841-2, "Hydrostatic Test Leakage Allowances," as applicable, the Contractor shall at his own expense locate and repair the defective joints until the leakage is within the specified allowance.

Leakage is defined as the quantity of water supplied into the newly laid main, or any valved section of it, necessary to maintain the specified leakage test pressure after the main has been filled with water and the air expelled.

Exhibit S-841 is a schematic showing the arrangement of the test apparatus as well as the detailed procedure for conducting the hydrostatic field test.

841.4 **MEASUREMENT:** Hydrostatic Pressure Test will be measured by the unit of each successful test conducted.

841.5 **PAYMENT:** Payment for "Hydrostatic Pressure Test" will be made at the unit price bid for each successful test. Such payment shall also include all pipe, valves, fittings, pumping equipment, pressure gauge, and other required apparatus incidental to the conduct of the test.

TABLE 841-1

HYDROSTATIC TEST LEAKAGE ALLOWANCES (MAXIMUM) @ 150 PSI

Nominal Diameter & Type Pipe	ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE IN GALLONS PER HOUR (GPH)*													
	100 L.F.	200 L.F.	300 L.F.	400 L.F.	500 L.F.	600 L.F.	700 L.F.	800 L.F.	900 L.F.	1000 L.F.	2000 L.F.	3000 L.F.	4000 L.F.	5000 L.F.
6" DI**	0.11	0.22	0.33	0.44	0.55	0.66	0.77	0.88	0.99	1.10	2.20	3.30	4.40	5.50
8" DI**	0.15	0.29	0.44	0.59	0.71	0.88	1.03	1.18	1.32	1.47	2.94	4.41	5.88	7.35
12" DI**	0.22	0.44	0.66	.088	1.10	1.32	1.54	1.76	1.98	2.20	4.40	6.60	8.80	11.00
16" DI**	0.29	0.59	0.88	1.18	1.47	1.76	2.06	2.35	2.65	2.94	5.88	8.82	11.76	14.70
20" DI**	0.39	0.74	1.10	1.47	1.84	2.21	2.55	2.94	3.31	3.68	7.63	11.04	14.72	18.40
20" CSC	0.08	0.16	0.24	0.32	0.40	0.47	0.55	0.63	0.71	0.79	1.58	2.37	3.16	3.95
24" DI**	0.44	0.88	1.32	1.76	2.21	2.65	3.09	3.53	9.97	4.41	8.82	13.23	17.64	22.05
24" CSC	0.1	0.19	0.29	0.38	0.48	0.57	0.67	0.76	0.86	0.95	1.90	2.85	3.80	4.75
30" DI**	0.55	1.1	1.66	2.21	2.76	3.31	3.86	4.42	4.97	5.52	11.04	16.56	22.08	27.60
30" CSC	0.12	0.24	0.35	0.47	0.59	0.71	0.83	0.94	1.06	1.18	2.36	3.54	4.72	5.90
36" DI**	0.66	1.32	1.99	2.65	3.31	3.97	4.63	5.3	5.96	6.62	13.24	19.86	26.48	33.10
36" CSC	0.14		0.28	0.57	0.71	0.85	0..99	1.14	1.28	1.42	2.84	4.26	5.68	7.10
42" DI**	0.77	1.54	2.32	3.09	3.86	4.63	5.4	6.18	6.95	7.72	15.44	22.16	30.88	38.60
42" CSC	0.17	0.33	0.5	0.66	0.83	1	1.16	1.33	1.49	1.66	3.32	4.98	6.64	8.30
48" DI**	0.88	1.77	2.65	3.53	4.42	5.3	6.18	7.06	7.95	8.83	17.66	26.16	35.32	44.15
48" CSC	0.19	0.38	0.57	0.76	0.95	1.13	1.32	1.51	1.7	1.89	3.78	4.98	6.64	8.30
54" CSC	0.21	0.42	0.63	0.84	1.05	1.26	1.47	1.68	1.89					
60" CSC	0.24	0.48	0.72	0.96	1.2	1.44	1.68	1.92	2.16					

* PVC pipe shall be tested to DI pressures. GPH for CSC Pipe are manufacturer's maximum.

** DI pipe includes mechanical and push-on joints.

TABLE 841-2										
Hydrostatic Test Leakage Allowances (Maximum) @ 200 PSI										
Nominal Pipe Diameter	**Allowable Leakage in Gallons Per Hour (GPH)***									
	100 L.F.	**200 L.F.**	**300 L.F.**	**400 L.F.**	**500 L.F.**	**600 L.F.**	**700 L.F.**	**800 L.F.**	**900 L.F.**	**1000 L.F.**
6" DI**	0.13	0.25	0.38	0.51	0.64	0.6	0.89	1.02	1.14	1.27
8" DI**	0.17	0.34	0.51	0.68	0.85	1.02	1.19	1.36	1.53	1.7
12" DI**	0.26	0.51	0.77	1.02	1.28	1.53	1.79	2.04	2.3	2.55
16" DI**	0.34	0.68	1.02	1.36	1.7	2.04	2.38	2.72	3.06	3.4
20" DI**	0.43	0.85	1.28	1.7	2.13	2.55	2.98	3.4	3.83	4.25
20" CSC	0.08	0.16	0.24	0.32	0.4	0.47	0.55	0.63	0.71	0.79
24" DI**	0.51	1.02	1.53	2.04	2.55	3.06	3.57	4.08	3.59	5.1
24" CSC	0.1	0.19	0.29	0.38	0.48	0.57	0.67	0.76	0.86	0.95
30" DI**	0.64	1.27	1.91	2.55	3.19	3.82	4.46	5.1	5.73	6.37
30" CSC	0.12	0.24	0.35	0.47	0.59	0.71	0.83	0.94	1.06	1.18
36" DI**	0.76	1.53	2.29	3.06	3.82	4.58	5.35	6.11	6.88	7.64
36" CSC	0.14	0.28	0.43	0.57	0.71	0.85	0.99	1.14	1.28	1.42
42" DI**	0.89	1.78	2.68	3.57	4.46	5.35	6.24	7.14	8.03	8.92
42" CSC	0.17	0.33	0.5	0.66	0.83	1	1.16	1.33	1.49	1.66
48" DI**	1.02	2.04	3.06	4.08	5.1	6.11	7.13	8.15	9.17	10.19
48" CSC	0.19	0.38	0.7	0.76	0.95	1.13	1.32	1.51	1.7	1.89
54" CSC	0.21	0.42	0.63	0.84	1.05	1.26	1.47	1.68	1.89	2.1
60" CSC	0.23	0.46	0.69	0.92	1.15	1.38	1.61	1.84	2.07	2.3

*PVC pipe shall be tested to DI pressures. GPH for CSC pipe are manufacturer's maximum.
**DI pipe includes mechanical and push-on