

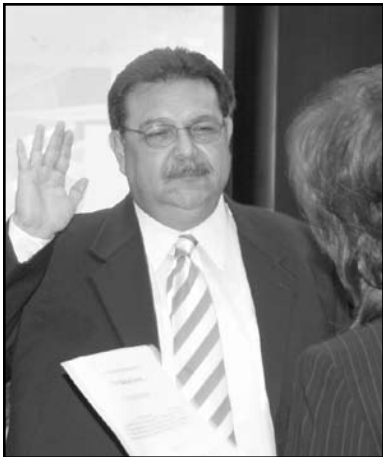
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Alex Briseño Sworn In as Board Chairman

Former City Manager Takes Reins of Region's Largest Water Utility

It took just seconds for former city manager Alex Briseño to recite the oath of office formalizing his appointment as San Antonio Water System's Chairman of the Board. But in light of the profound importance of water policy and planning to the region, it was a moment that will impact the Alamo City for many years to come.



Briseño is sworn in

"Water is very important to the future of our community," Briseño said as he took the center seat on the SAWS Board dais for the first time. "Our relationship with Toyota and many others who are contributing to the growth of our city would not be possible without reliable, quality water. And it's something that's often taken for granted."

Briseño was nominated to the SAWS Board by Mayor Phil Hardberger in March. City Council unanimously approved his four-year appointment April 6.

Briseño replaces outgoing chairman James Mayor who served on the SAWS Board since 2001 but did not seek re-appointment when his term expired this spring.

Also sworn in for another four-year term was current SAWS Trustee Willie Mitchell.

SAWS Honors Local Water Savers

Winners Recognized for Innovation, Commitment to Conservation

With much of South Texas coping with the effects of a prolonged dry spell, it's good to know that there are people who take water conservation seriously.

SAWS is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 WaterSaver Awards, a program honoring local businesses and non-profit organizations that have implemented extraordinary, innovative approaches to conserve water.

"This is the tenth anniversary of our WaterSaver program," said Karen Guz, SAWS Conservation Director. "In that time award recipients have collectively reduced water consumption in San Antonio by one-and-a-half billion gallons per year. That's an incredible amount of water."

Proceeds from the WaterSaver Awards Breakfast go to a scholarship fund that supports students interested in water industry careers. The program is co-sponsored by KENS 5 and News-Talk 550 KTSA.

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First Surface Water to SAWS Goes Online

Canyon Lake Water Flowing to Northwest Customers

SAWS first-ever surface water project is on-line, delivering purified Canyon Lake water to customers in northwest San Antonio.

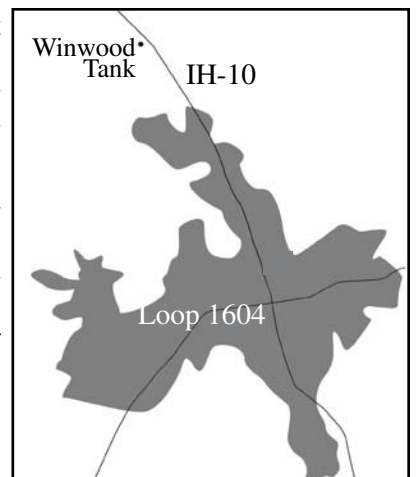
SAWS Winwood Tank Station, located near Fair Oaks Blvd. and IH-10, began operation after several weeks of flushing and testing. The two million gallon tank provides drinking water to SAWS customers mainly south and southeast of that area.

The project adds another 2.4 billion gallons per year (7,600 acre-feet per year) to San Antonio's water supply.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment in our efforts to diversify," remarked SAWS President/CEO David Chardavoyne. "Not only are we making great progress toward securing enough water for our region's future, but we are also demonstrating that we don't have to sacrifice water quality to make that happen."

Winwood is the first SAWS storage facility receiving water from a GBRA advanced micro-filtration plant at Canyon Lake.

This project is just one of many currently underway, as outlined in SAWS long-term water supply plan for meeting the area's water needs through 2050.



Estimated distribution pattern for Winwood Tank

You Can Help San Antonio Avoid Water Restrictions

Infrequent rains this summer have kept the city in suspense about water restrictions. But whether we're in Stage One restrictions or not, using water wisely can help keep your water bill down, and aquifer levels up.

So what can you do to help the situation? Plenty. For instance:

- Water your lawn no more than once a week, before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m. If we've enjoyed a rain shower, put off watering altogether for at least a week.
- Not sure how much or how often to water your lawn? Sign up for our Seasonal Irrigation Program to receive weekly watering advice by phone or e-mail.
- Check in and around your home for leaks. Stopping those drips can really add up.
- If you or your neighbors are still using old, water-wasting toilets, consider replacing them with our free low-flow model.
- If you see water waste, report it on the Web at saws.org or call 704-SAWS.

WaterSaver Awards (cont.)

The 2006 WaterSaver Award winners are :

Water Conservation Scholarship Recipients

Kelli R. Mock
Stephen M. Bryant

Leadership Award

James M. Mayor

WaterSaver Awards

Frito-Lay
Northside Independent School District
Northeast Independent School District
City of San Antonio Development Services
San Antonio Country Club
Quarry Golf Club
University of Texas Health Science Center

WaterSaver Too Award Recipients

City of San Antonio Department of Asset Management
Coral Ridge Apartments
New Beginnings Church
Rotary Club of Northeast San Antonio
Greater San Antonio Builders Association
San Antonio Landscape Care Guide Contributors:

- Bexar County Master Gardeners
- Gardening Volunteers of South Texas
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- Texas Cooperative Extension
- Texas Forest Service
- Texas Parks & Wildlife

Special Recognition also went to
SAWS Community Conservation Committee



Scholarship Recipient,
Kelli Mock and her mother, Vicki



Rick Montelongo receives the award for
Greater San Antonio Builders Association.



Mark Trevino (at left) congratulates Dr.
Brian Gottardy on the NEISD award.



Here are a few events to schedule in your calendar:

Family Activities at Mitchell Lake

Take time out to enjoy nature. Here are some great, FREE events at Mitchell Lake located at 10750 Pleasanton Road. RSVPs are suggested. Call 628-1639.

Night Sounds

August 12 (Sat.), 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

An evening program of sound and music where insects, critters, and kids make the music, led by acclaimed local musician Henry Brun.

Starry, Starry Night

September 30 (Sat.), 7 – 9 p.m.

Stargazing and astronomy with the San Antonio Astronomical Association. Telescopes will be set up outdoors while an indoor slide show features astronomy. Bring chairs and a blanket to sit on!

Top 7 Things You Can Do for Cleaner Air:

1. Trip chain
(combine errands into one trip)
2. Ride the bus, share a ride,
or carpool
3. Ride your bike
4. Walk or in-line skate
5. Care for your car
6. Get fuel when it's cool
7. Don't top off the tank

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T.D.D.	233-3153
CleanStream Hotline	212-5326

24-Hour Emergency

Customer Service/	
Water Waste Reporting	704-SAWS

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Drinking, bathing, cleaning, cooking....

Many people take water for granted. But every day, 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.

