AGUA Alert, February 14, 2008, Item 1: Ask SAWS Board to Withdraw Applications to Expand Service (CCN) Into NW Bexar County

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Talking points:

SAWS expansion of service will open the area to high-density development.

- Current regulations specify a minimum size for residential development with on-site sewage facilities to be ½ acre for lots with a central water system and 1-1/2 acres for lots with wells. This is the housing density needed to protect the contributing and recharge zones of the Edwards Aquifer.
- Providing water and sewer systems will open the Hill Country in NW Bexar County to much higher density housing development, easily as high as 4-6 lots per acre.
- Dense housing development will degrade the environment because of high impervious cover, increased traffic, thoroughfare construction, and other related infrastructure development, all leading to continued and irreversible impact on the aquifer.

Technical Stuff:

The sewer CCN applications are as follows:

Application 355668-C, TCEQ Docket No. 2007-0950-UCR, SOAH Docket No. 582-07-3765 Application 35569-C, TCEQ Docket No. 2007-0951-UCR, SOAH Docket No. 582-07-3763

The water CCN applications are:

App. 35484-C, TCEQ 2007-0477-UCR, SOAH Docket No. 582-07-3140

App. 35445-C, TCEQ 2007-0719-UCR, SOAH Docket No. 582-07-3141