

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Please check your mail boxes this week for your GEAA membership renewals. And, if you live in an area that is served by SAWS but outside San Antonio City Limits, look for another important message:



Thanks to SAWS and the San Antonio City Council,
**your water bill just went
up...AGAIN!**

But, it's not too late to act.

They raised your water rates to pay for the reckless billion-dollar Vista Ridge Pipeline project.

As a non-San Antonio resident, you had no say in electing the people who made this decision —that's Taxation Without Representation!

"We deserve and demand a voice on this unfair water rate increase."

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Petition to Appeal Rates Established by the San Antonio City Council on a rate change requested by SAWS.

San Antonio City Council
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283
210.207.7040

San Antonio Water System (SAWS)
2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North
San Antonio, Texas 78212
210.704.7297

The undersigned ratepayers of the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) who are served outside the municipal limits under Texas Water Code 13.043 hereby appeal the decision of the San Antonio City Council (SACC) affecting the rates charged to them by SAWS as being unjust and unreasonable. The rate change was effective on January 1, 2016 and affected the rates charged for water, water supply, wastewater, and recycled water service. On October 1, 2015, the ratepayers were notified by the service provider of this rate increase. The SACC approved the new rates on November 19, 2015 in Ordinance No. 2015-11-19-0956. The undersigned request that the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) review the decision to determine if the rates established by this Ordinance are just and reasonable. With this Ordinance, SACC approved modifications to the Water and Sewer Rate Structure and Proposed Rate Adjustments; a 7.5% system-wide increase for 2016; a Rate Plan or "Not to Exceed" increases for 2017 - system-wide 7.9%; and water supply only for 1.3% in 2018, 4.5% in 2019, and 9.9% in 2020. The undersigned designate Mr. Greg Brockhouse as their representative on this matter. Correspondence to the ratepayers' representative may be directed to Mr. Greg Brockhouse, 8925 Interstate 10 Frontage Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230.

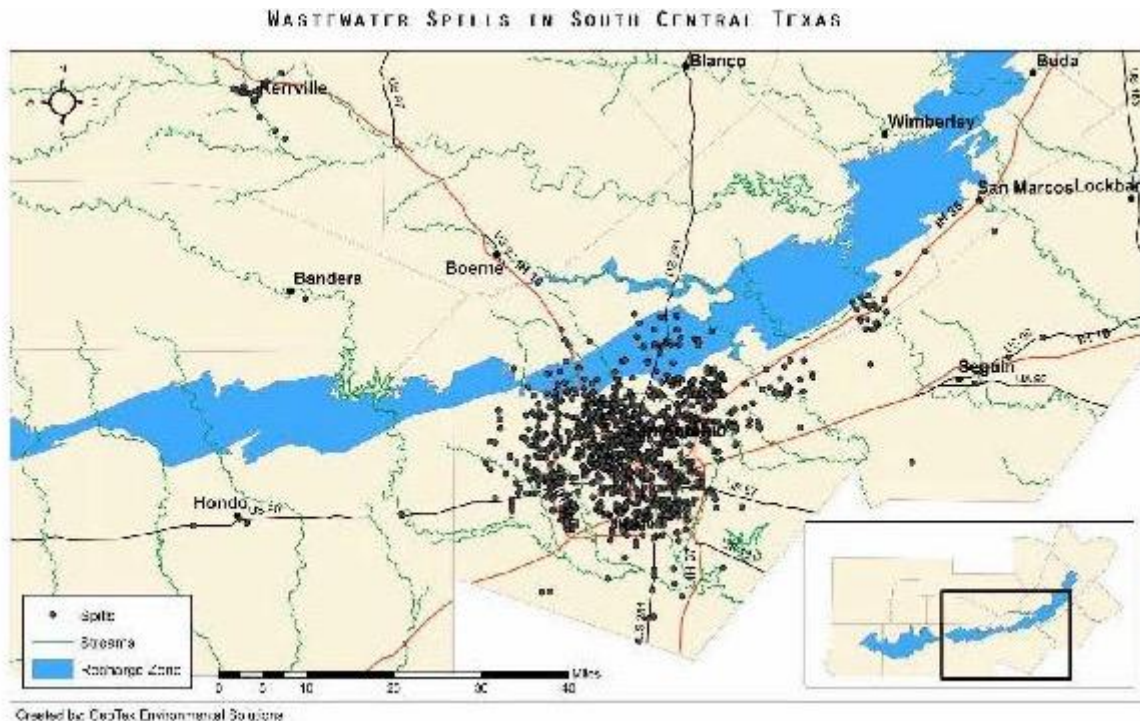
Name* (please print) Signature* Service Address* Mailing Address* Phone Number*
(if different from service address)

*Required

Those of you who live in zip codes 78023, 78253, 78261, 78260, please return the petition ASAP. The goal is to collect 10,000 cards by the end of March. If you live in an incorporated or unincorporated area other than the City of San Antonio that is served by SAWS (Helotes, Terrell Hills, Olmos Park, Castle Hills, Alamo Ranch, Stone Oak, or the Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage area) and have not received a card, look for it in the mail or come by the GEAA office at 1809 Blanco Road to pick one up.

Over the years, GEAA has joined with folks in the San Geronimo Valley, near Wortham Oaks, Alamo Ranch, Scenic Loop, and Helotes to oppose the expansion of SAWS sewer service that might pose a threat to Edwards Aquifer wells.

As long as the SAWS Board continues to [require sewer service](#) for new developments on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and plans to sell Vista Ridge water to spur development in the Hill Country, GEAA remains opposed to the pipeline.



While we agree that SAWS is prudent in seeking additional non-Edwards Aquifer water supplies to accommodate anticipated growth, we believe [Vista Ridge is not the right project for SAWS ratepayers.](#)

Hope all of you are enjoying the wonderful spring weather. Thank you for your support!

Annalisa Peace
Executive Director
[Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](#)