



Ask SAWS Board to Withdraw Applications to Expand Service Into Northwest Bexar County

The sewer 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 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

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. Housing development of this density would greatly 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.

GEAA and our member groups ask the SAWS Board, as stewards of this valuable unique resource, to help us insure that NW Bexar County does not repeat the mistakes in planning and development that are now glaringly evident in north Bexar County along Stone Oak Parkway and many other areas in the Edwards Aquifer contributing and recharge zones. Please join us in asking SAWS to abandon this short-sighted plan to open NW Bexar County to high-density development and the inevitable degradation to the Edwards Aquifer by providing water and sewer service to an environmentally fragile environment.

Texas State law makes it very unlikely that our request to TCEQ to deny permits for the planned expansion in an administrative hearing will be granted. **It is very important that citizens of San Antonio and SAWS ratepayers let the SAWS Board members know that you oppose these permit applications.**

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