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SAWS Takes Up Proposal to Serve Irresponsible Development In the Hill Country

What: SAWS Board will consider providing water service to Hills of Castle Rock, a Mega-development proposed for Medina County.

**When: SAWS Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Public Comment - Citizens To Be Heard, Item #5 on the Agenda,
Board Consideration and Action - Item #50 on the Agenda**

Where: SAWS Boardroom, 2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North

The SAWS Board will consider a Resolution approving an amended Utility Service Agreement to provide water service to the 1,766-acre Hills of Castle Rocks Estates tract located along Hwy. 16 three miles northwest of the intersection of Hwy. 211 and Hwy. 16, being developed by BP 1766 San Antonio, Ltd. developer.

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, representatives of its member organizations and concerned citizens will voice their concerns during the "Citizens to be Heard" period, requesting that the SAWS board deny this request for water service to the Hills of Castle Rock subdivision. By providing water service SAWS will contribute to the degradation of the Edwards Aquifer, contribute to unmitigated downstream flooding, and promote higher density development that is not appropriate for this area of the Hill Country.

Should the SAWS Board choose to deny this request for water service the Hills of Castle Rock would be required to prove availability of water from wells of the Trinity Aquifer, limiting the amount of water, and thereby the number of houses that can be built on the site. If built as is, the Hills of Castle Rock would become the largest community in Medina County.

Additional materials, including SAWS Presentation on proposed agreement for service negotiated with developer, is available upon request.

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