

Dear San Antonio GEAA Members and Friends,

San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor is calling on the San Antonio City Council to finalize the timeline for a vote on SAWS rate restructuring and increases, with a vote to occur no later than November 19th. To rush a decision that will impact all SAWS ratepayers for years to come is not good governance. Especially since the final version of the Water Policy Analysis commissioned by the City of San Antonio from the Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Resources has yet to be completed or released. We ask that a vote on the proposed SAWS rate increases be postponed until the public has had adequate time to review and discuss the findings of this report.

Mayor Taylor has committed to hosting additional public meetings on the Vista Ridge Pipeline, at which SAWS will provide information and answer questions. These infomercials, whereby SAWS touts the benefits of the project and allows only questions from the audience, have thus far been the only venue provided for "citizen input" on the Vista Ridge project and the rate increases needed to pay for it. We ask for an open hearing that allows all concerned citizens to voice their opinions about Vista Ridge and the proposed water rate increases, as well as about the Water Policy Analysis.

We urge the City Council of San Antonio to vote on Wednesday, October 14th, to delay a final consideration of SAWS proposed water rates until at least one month after the revised Water Policy Study has been released. We further ask them to schedule and attend a public hearing where they can learn more about the concerns of their constituents and all SAWS ratepayers.

You can sign the petition [here](#). Please add your name, post on Face Book, and share with all of your friends.

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