

RESOLUTION NO. **19-211**

OF THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN; FINDING THE RESOLUTION TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS GOVERNING OPEN MEETINGS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in June, 2017, the City Council of the City of San Antonio passed resolution 2017-06-22-031R in support of the Paris Climate Agreement and Mayors' National Climate Action Agenda, joining the growing list of cities taking efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and adapt to changing climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2017, the SA Climate Ready planning process began;
and

WHEREAS, SA Climate Ready involved a diverse coalition of leaders from business and industry, school districts, higher education institutions, neighborhood associations, the military, chambers of commerce, transit and housing authorities, public utilities, trade associations, and environmental non-profit groups and included input from the community at large, engaging thousands of residents at meetings and through surveys; and

WHEREAS, these leaders, including staff members from SAWS, served on a Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups that met regularly during 2018 to develop the Climate Action and Adaptation (the "CAAP"); and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City of San Antonio launched the development of its first CAAP, which offers a roadmap to protect San Antonio, ensuring that it remains a vibrant, thriving city for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the CAAP provides certain implementation strategies some of which involve the San Antonio Water System. Strategies include reducing building and transportation energy consumption, advancing the circular economy, and educating and empowering the community; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the specific mitigation and adaptation strategies described in the CAAP were selected based on an initial analysis of greenhouse gas reduction potential and the ability to increase community resilience; however, it is acknowledged that the SA Climate Ready only serves as a framework for climate action and adaptation, and as such, additional analysis will be required for strategies prior to implementation; and

WHEREAS, while more to do in the future, SAWS has been a nationwide and

international leader in planning and implementing processes to get ahead of climate change as it impacts water issues in our community. Some of these items are addressed in the CAAP, and further detailed in SAWS 2017 Water Management Plan and 2019 Five Year Water Conservation Plan, including:


- Nationwide leaders in Conservation, with tremendous community and stakeholder buy-in and international recognition
- Leading Technology adopters in efficient customer water usage
- Nationwide leaders in developing alternative water supplies such as Recycled Water, Aquifer Storage & Recovery, and Groundwater Desalination
- Planning for hybrid Drought of Record to incorporate more intense drought conditions
- Structuring SAWS rates to encourage Conservation
- Award-winning wastewater process “Trifecta” to ensure optimal recovery of methane gas and bio-solids, as well as treated wastewater
- Awarded membership in the Leading Utilities of the World, a global network of the world’s most successful and innovative water utilities

WHEREAS, because climate action and adaptation benefits from the collective commitment of the entire community, the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees desires to offer its support for the CAAP; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. That the Board of Trustees does hereby pledge support for the City of San Antonio CAAP in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Attachment I.
2. It is officially found, determined and declared that the meeting at which this resolution is adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and subject matter of the public business to be conducted at such meeting, including this resolution, was given to all as required by the Texas Codes Annotated, as amended, Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code.
3. If any part, section, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, illegal, inoperative or invalid, or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained is held to be unconstitutional, illegal, invalid or ineffective, the remainder of this resolution shall nevertheless stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted without the portion held to be unconstitutional, illegal, invalid or ineffective.
4. This resolution becomes effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of September, 2019.



Berto Guerra, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



Amy Hardberger, Secretary

Attachment I - SA Climate Ready: A Pathway for Climate Action & Adaptation (August 2019
Draft for Public Discussion)