



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council Special Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ben Gorzell Jr, Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

SAWS Utility Briefing on the history of infrastructure investments and the development of diversified water supplies that reduce risks to San Antonio's overall water quality. Briefing to also include update on activities of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY:

A briefing by President and CEO of the San Antonio Water System on:

1. Recap of recent water quality issues in Austin
2. Overview of SAWS' diverse water portfolio
3. History of investments in water supply
4. Challenges for the future
5. Update on Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This briefing is part of the ongoing process of keeping Council informed of the activities of the City owned utilities. CPS Energy and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) provide status reports to Council in alternating months.

SAWS serves more than 500,000 water and 450,000 wastewater customers in and around San Antonio and maintains over 12,600 miles of water and sewer mains.

SAWS is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees with the Mayor serving as an ex-officio member. The City Council exercises its oversight of SAWS through the approval of rates and charges, authorization of debt

issuances, approval of all condemnations, and the appointment of all Trustees except the Mayor.

ISSUE:

For this item, Robert Puente, SAWS' President and CEO, will provide a presentation on:

1. Recent water quality issues in Austin
2. San Antonio's diverse water supply
3. History of investments
4. Challenges for the future
5. Update on Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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