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Sunset Advisory Commission
Ms. Jennifer Jones
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Sunset Commission Staff's Report on the San Antonio River Authority's (SARA) Sunset Review. SARA is a well-respected entity in Karnes County as it has provided important services to our community and other public entities.

In Karnes County, just a few of the services SARA has provided to the community include floodplain mapping, assisted with Karnes City Park improvements, the development of the Escondido Creek Parkway, the operation and maintenance of 13 flood retention structures. SARA also has been providing Household Hazardous Waste Collection events twice a year in Karnes County. These collection events provide an opportunity for residents to responsibly recycle household chemicals, paint, motor oil, electronic waste and old tires. These events help keep the community and watershed clean by curtailing illegal dumping. Each of these events remove three 48' trailers full of used unwanted tires.

We support SARA as they have been open and available when we've called upon them for water-related assistance. Karnes County recently entered into an Interlocal Agreement with SARA where SARA will be standing up a real-time flood predictive model that will be useful in emergency planning but also during major storm events. SARA has been a very good partner throughout the San Antonio River Basin and we greatly appreciate their contributions to our community

Sincerely,

Wade J. Hedtke
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