



## COUNTY OF WILSON

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Sunset Advisory Commission

Ms. Jennifer Jones

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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 key entity in Wilson County and have provided important services to our community and other public entities. I couldn't agree more that SARA is well-run and highly-respected for their expertise in water-related issues and community involvement.

In Wilson County, just a few of the services SARA has provided to the community include updated floodplain maps, assisted in flood planning, assisted the City of La Vernia with the operation of their wastewater treatment plant, provided wastewater line televising in the City of Floresville, developed the John William Helton – San Antonio River Nature Park and manages Jackson Nature Park owned by Wilson County. SARA also has been providing Household Hazardous Waste Collection events twice a year in Wilson County. These 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. The collection events have grown in popularity with some people lining up at 6:30am for an 8:00am event start. SARA is a collaborative and innovative partner.

We support SARA as they have been open and available when we've called upon them for water-related assistance. Wilson 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,

Richard Jackson

Wilson County Judge