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Public Comments

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City

San Antonio

State

Texas

Your Comments or Concerns

Please see attached letter.

Your Proposed Solution

Please see attached letter.

Attachment

[Letter to Sunset Advisory Committee.pdf](#) (156.74 KB)

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes



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.

The purpose of the Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to create a better understanding of the need for soil and water conservation and to promote soil and water conservation practices by coordinating technical and financial assistance to the agricultural producers of Bexar County. Throughout the years, the Alamo SWCD has been able to assist farmers, ranchers, and the citizens of Bexar County in conserving their natural resources.

SARA has been a very good partner with the Alamo SWCD as both agencies seek to manage and preserve the creeks and rivers in the San Antonio River Watershed. SARA and the Alamo SWCD have constructed and maintained 27 flood retention facilities in Bexar County providing residents critical flood protection. SARA is always responsive, professionally managed, and highly-respected for their flood planning and mitigation activities and their implementation and support of water quality programs.

SARA has been a key partner of the Alamo SWCD by investing in and creating holistic watershed master plans that identify regional flood mitigation, water quality, and recreational opportunities. SARA coordinates very closely with the Alamo SWCD on the operation and maintenance of the 27 flood retention dams within our shared districts. SARA has been astute at identifying potential development issues around and adjacent to the dams. There is increased development pressure due to population growth and SARA is very good at working with the Alamo SWCD and developers to navigate such issues and protect the primary flood protection goals of flood protection infrastructure.

SARA has also assisted the Alamo SWCD with promoting water quality and quantity best management practices on productive lands within the district. SARA's assistance encourages landowners to implement best management practices and the result is improved water quality throughout the basin. All in all, SARA is a critical partner of the Alamo SWCD, and we are pleased to provide this letter of support to the Sunset Commission.



SARA is a well-run river authority, and we appreciate their expertise, communication, and ability to operate and maintain flood retention facilities and promote water quality and quantity programs for the benefit of the San Antonio River Basin.

Yours in Conservation,

Gary Schott, Chairman
Alamo SWCD