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Leaders in Watershed Solutions

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# **UTILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MISSION:** The San Antonio River Authority's mission is to sustain and enrich life in the San Antonio River Watershed.

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The State of Texas has empowered the San Antonio River Authority to preserve, protect and manage the resources and environment of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. Our district spans Bexar, Goliad, Karnes and Wilson counties, yet our concern for the quality and quantity of water extends our focus beyond these boundaries, as factors outside the district contribute to the health and well being of the river and our communities. Through the knowledge and skill of professional and technical staff, we continue to develop and sustain the expertise needed to fulfill our service mission.



## **SARA Utility Services**

SARA is a full-service water and wastewater utility provider within its district. SARA recognizes that communities are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their water and wastewater needs: as a result, SARA offers the following services to partnering communities:

- Wholesale and retail wastewater service
- Construction, operation and maintenance of centralized water distribution and wastewater collection systems
- Emergency and routine water and wastewater treatment system
- Quality training programs
- Development and implementation of re-use irrigation systems

By partnering with SARA, communities in Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad counties get the assistance they need in meeting both their current and future needs, such as developing alternative water supplies, increasing capacities, replacing deteriorating infrastructure, making treatment facility improvements and interpreting and complying with changing and increasingly stringent rules and regulations.

SARA began providing wastewater utility services in 1966. SARA has three permitted active wastewater treatment plants (Salatrillo, Upper Martinez and Martinez II) which have a combined capacity of over 10 million gallons per day (MGD). Additionally, SARA has three permitted, but not yet operational, wastewater facilities (U.S. 181, Martinez III and Graytown) with a total capacity of 2.24 MGD. These plants utilize the latest technology to produce a high quality effluent and to preserve the ecosystems into which the effluent is returned.

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**SARA can provide water and wastewater operation and maintenance contract services to customers in our four-county service area. SARA has completed Water and Wastewater Needs Assessments of communities within the San Antonio River Basin to determine the needs of the growing population. These assessments will assist SARA in helping communities to plan, build and acquire new wastewater plants, new water systems and water supplies.**

## WASTEWATER SERVICES

SARA's Utility Services Department provides wholesale wastewater services through the Salatrillo Wastewater Treatment System to approximately 12,100 customers in the cities of Converse, Live Oak, Universal City, and provides retail wastewater services to an area outside the jurisdictions of the City of San Antonio, Converse, Universal City, and Live Oak which is referred to as the Salatrillo Retail system (3,000 customers).

SARA's Utility Services Department provides retail wastewater services to parts of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County (13,800, customers) through the San Antonio River Authority Wastewater Treatment System. SARA provides contracted wastewater services to the cities of La Vernia and Somerset. SARA offers water and wastewater service assistance to the communities in the SARA four county area.

## WATER SERVICES

SARA owns and operates three water systems in northern Wilson County totaling 138,000 gallons of storage capacity and serving 337 connections. At the request of the Goliad County Judge, SARA helped establish the Goliad County Water Supply Corporation and currently provides contracted operations and maintenance of the Berclair and Fannin water systems. These two water systems are the first-ever centralized water systems in these communities, and combined they total 330,000 gallons of storage capacity and serve 114 connections to include the City of Cologne. Currently, there is a water system construction project to provide water to La Bahia and is scheduled for completion in 2011. In Karnes County, SARA has also assisted with a water supply study in the city of Kenedy.

SARA owns the wastewater collection system on Randolph Air Force Base.

A collection system was constructed to transport wastewater to the future Graytown Rd Wastewater Treatment plant to be constructed when there are enough connections to the system.

SARA provides reclaimed water to the Woodlake Golf course from the Upper Martinez Wastewater Treatment plant.

This past year a couple of facilities we maintain and operate were awarded. The Salatrillo WWTP was awarded the 2010 Water Environment Association of Texas Plant of the Year Award in Category #2 (1-15 MGD) and the Fannin Water System was awarded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) 2010 Public Drinking Water Recognition Program Award for Small Water System Security Program.

Treatment Plant	Capacity In Millions Of Gallons Per Day	
	Average Daily Flow	Permitted Flow
Salatrillo	Average Daily Flow	Permitted Flow
	4.507 MGD	5.83 MGD
Martinez II	Average Daily Flow	Permitted Flow
	1.828 MGD	2.00 MGD
Upper Martinez	Average Daily Flow	Permitted Flow
	1.704 MGD	2.21 MGD
Martinez III	Average Daily Flow	Permitted Flow
	0.004 MGD	0.150 MGD
Highway 181 South	Average Daily Flow	Permitted Flow
	0.004 MGD	0.090 MGD