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## News Release

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### **SAN ANTONIO RIVER DRAINAGE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 20** *SARA to Drain River as Part of San Pedro Creek Project*

**SAN ANTONIO** — The San Antonio River Authority (SARA), in coordination with The City of San Antonio's Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and Downtown Operations departments, will drain the San Antonio River from Nueva St. to S. Alamo St. on Tuesday, February 20.

Water levels of the river will be temporarily lowered so that Jerdon Construction can install a water reuse line as part of the San Pedro Creek Project. The water that will be diverted from the San Antonio River to San Pedro Creek, upon completion, is recycled water that will be used for irrigation and to supplement flow during low rain periods. The construction crew will be driving vehicles down the Guenther St. boat ramp and through the river bed in order to access the installation site at Arsenal St. The work can take up to two weeks, but is expected to be completed sooner, weather permitting. Once the project is complete, the flood gates will reopen to allow the river to refill in this section.

The draining will take approximately 4-6 hours and will leave approximately two feet of water along the bottom. SARA's environmental scientists will be onsite to relocate native fish downstream of S. Alamo during the process, as needed. Although the river is not scheduled for draining until 2019, TCI, Downtown Operations and SARA will use this opportunity to inspect Flood Gate 6 at S. Alamo, and remove litter and floatables.

For more information about the San Pedro Creek Project, visit [spcproject.org](http://spcproject.org).

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*The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) was created by the 45th Texas Legislature on May 5, 1937 and reorganized in 1961 to plan, manage and implement water-related programs and projects within the San Antonio River Watershed. The State of Texas empowered SARA to preserve, protect and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the SARA, visit our website at [www.sara-tx.org](http://www.sara-tx.org)*