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### **SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**SAN ANTONIO** – The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) Board of Directors elected Darrell T. Brownlow, Ph.D. as board chairman replacing Michael W. Lackey, P.E. who serves Bexar County District 3. Brownlow, who represents Wilson County, will serve as chairman starting June 1, 2018 through 2019.

Darrell T. Brownlow is a fifth generation South Texan, resident of Wilson County and landowner and rancher in LaSalle County. He is a 1982 graduate of Floresville High School and of Texas Tech University with a BS (1987), MS (1989) and PhD (1991), all in geology. Currently, Brownlow is a Principal in Intercoastal Inland Services and Carrizo Consulting through which he consults on construction material sourcing, development and other mining related issues. Additionally, he consults to various large energy firms and organizations as well as privately owned ranches on water supply and water management strategies related to hydraulic fracking.

Brownlow has been part of the SARA board since 2011 where he has served as treasurer and vice-chair. He has also served on the communications and fiscal committees and is currently serving on the executive and operations committees.

“I am both honored and excited to serve as Chairman of the San Antonio River Authority,” said Darrell T. Brownlow. “I hope to continue the strong and steady leadership SARA’s past chairmen have exhibited so well. I am dedicated to SARA’s mission to ensure our creeks and rivers are safe, clean and enjoyable for all communities in our district.”

Michael W. Lackey, P.E., Bexar County District 3, has served on the Board of Directors since 2009 and served as Chairman of the Board since August 2016. Lackey is commended for his leadership of the Board through its transition after the death of former Board Chairman Sally Buchanan and for providing

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insightful direction to SARA's management regarding significant programmatic decisions during his tenure as Chairman.

"As SARA Chairman for the past two years, it has been my privilege to participate in the completion of several important projects that include the Grand Opening of Phase I of the San Pedro Creek Culture Park for our community's Tricentennial Celebration, the Confluence Park dedication and the San Antonio River's 2017 Thiess International Riverprize," said Michael W Lackey. "I want to especially thank and congratulate our wonderful SARA Staff for all their great efforts which made all the above possible. We have exciting times ahead as we complete many more projects. I look forward to continuing serving our community as Vice-Chair of the Board to help SARA fulfill our vision of safe, clean and enjoyable creeks and rivers for the benefit of our community."

Effective June 1, 2018, the officers of the SARA Board of Directors will include Chairman Darrell T. Brownlow, Ph.D., Vice Chairman Michael W. Lackey, P.E., Secretary Lourdes Galvan, Treasurer Jim Campbell, and at-large executive committee members Gaylon J. Oehlke and Dr. James Fuller.

SARA is governed by a twelve-member Board of Directors. The board consists of two at-large members from each of Wilson, Karnes and Goliad counties, and six members from Bexar County including two at-large members and one member for each of four SARA Districts in Bexar County. All board terms are for a period of six years, and there are no term limits. All positions are elected except in the case of vacancy prior to term end, in which case the Governor of the State of Texas appoints a replacement to complete the term. Elections for SARA Board members are staggered and held every two years (November of odd years).

For more information about SARA's Board of Directors, including bios and committee assignments, please visit: [www.sara-tx.org](http://www.sara-tx.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).*