



October 6, 2020

Via Email to gwestbrook@posgcd.org

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Re: SAWS Open Records Request (ORR) No. R001151

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

On September 4, 2020, the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) received your request for information in which you requested the following:

Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District ("POSGCD") is requesting the following documents/information pursuant to the Public Information laws of Texas.

We received a letter from TCEQ, a copy of which is attached, that references interactions between San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS) personnel and TCEQ related to the testing and discharges that occurred earlier this year. In relation to statements in that letter (which are underlined below), we seek to obtain the following information in whatever form it can be produced. Prior to printing or copying the information, POSGCD would appreciate an opportunity to understand the volume of pages this might encompass and we may choose to have an opportunity to review the information to ascertain whether it is responsive:

The TCEQ conducted on-stream observations of Mud Creek during the earlier discharge and SAWS continued to monitor the discharge for offsite impacts and continued to update the TCEQ as the project progressed.

- 1. Based upon the above statement from TCEQ, please provide any and all documents related to SAWS continued monitoring of the discharge for offsite impacts as well as continued updates provided to TCEQ.*

On July 15, 2020, SAWS notified TCEQ that discharges of water from the Aqua Vista Facility to Mud Creek stopped on June 30, 2020.

- 1. Based upon the above statement from TCEQ, please provide copies of any information or documents, including but not limited to photos, raw data, reports, charts or spreadsheets, electronic or paper, documenting all discharges into either MUD Creek or the concrete storm drain near Highway 281 at the Bitters Road Pump Station between March 1, 2020 to July 30, 2020.*

- 2. Please provide any information or documents including but not limited to raw data, reports, charts or spreadsheets electronic or paper, documenting all the water that was received at the Aqua Vista Facility from March 1, 2020 to July 30, 2020.*

3. Please provide any information or documents, including but not limited to raw data, reports, charts or spreadsheets, electronic or paper, documenting how much water was actually used to test, blend and/or determine the compatibility at the Aqua Vista Facility from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

4. Please provide any information or documents, including but not limited to raw data, reports, charts or spreadsheets, electronic or paper, documenting where tested water, including hydrostatic tested water or water discharged under TPDES General Permit No. TXG670000 was used and where it was discharged, including the date and the amount from March 1, 2020 to July 30, 2020.

SAWS was required to assess the quality and compatibility of the potable water being provided by the Aqua Vista (AV) project under the public drinking water rules.

1. Please provide copies of any documents related to quality and compatibility of the potable water being provided by the Aqua Vista project from March 1, 2020 to July 30, 2020.

Excess potable AV water was dechlorinated and discharged to Mud Creek at the AV pump station and a concrete storm drain near Highway 281 at the Bitters Road pump station.

1. Based upon the statement above from TCEQ, please provide documents that demonstrate the quantities of dechlorinated and discharged water that went into MUD Creek at the pump station and the quantities of dechlorinated and discharged water that went into a concrete storm drain near Highway 281 at the Bitters Road Pump Station.

2. Based upon the statement above from TCEQ, please provide documents that define what water was excess and what was used in any quality and/or compatibility process during March 1, 2020 to July 30, 2020.

On September 23, 2020, you responded to SAWS' cost estimate letter to you by amending your request to ask to inspect the requested records rather than receive copies of them. On September 25, 2020, you modified your request to exclude from the scope of your request documents that are communications between SAWS attorneys and SAWS employees that are subject to the attorney-client privilege.

SAWS is in the process of compiling documents responsive to your amended request, and they will be available for your inspection during the week of October 26 – 30, 2020. Please provide the three best dates/times during that week that you are available to come to SAWS' Headquarters and inspect the documents. I will coordinate with you to set a mutually convenient time for the inspection to occur.

A face mask will be required upon entering the SAWS Headquarters located at 2800 US Highway 281 N, San Antonio, TX 78212 to perform your inspection of records. Additionally, a temperature check will be performed upon check-in at the Security desk. A full list of COVID-19 health and safety measures in place for all employees and visitors can be found on our website at: <https://www.saws.org/saws-covid-19-health-and-safety-policy/>. A SAWS staff member will be present and will provide a laptop for use during your inspection of records.

In accordance with Section 552.225 of the Texas Government Code, if you do not complete the examination of the information or file a request for additional time within 10 business days of the date

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SAWS makes the information available to you for inspection, your Texas Public Information Act (TPIA) request will be considered automatically withdrawn by operation of law.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent dot over the 'i' in "Martinez".

Barbara Martinez
Manager, Corporate Records