



July 23, 2020

Chairman Sidney Youngblood
Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
P.O. BOX 92
Milano, Texas 76556

Dear Chairman Youngblood:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 17, 2020 regarding the discharge of water in connection with the initial start-up of San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Vista Ridge Regional Water Supply Project.

I want to assure you that SAWS shares your interest in long term stewardship of the aquifer. We value the long-term relationship that this Project creates with the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District.

I also want to assure you that the SAWS Board has been very engaged in the details of the Project since inception. The Board has had public presentations during negotiations of the agreement and at almost every board meeting since the agreement was signed. We are proud of the transparency of this Project, including my personal trips to Burleson County to address the Project details in various public and individual meetings.

The SAWS Board and staff have been laser focused on the water quality and compatibility of this new supply from a health and safety perspective as we introduce it into the SAWS distribution system. With the horror stories of new water supplies in Flint, Mich., Arizona, and other places, we have only one chance to ensure that the water chemistry is compatible with our system. That process required planning, testing and a methodical approach to integration to protect public health and ensure delivery of safe drinking water.

The Board of Trustees will discuss and consider your concerns during the August Board meeting. Thank you for your communication on this issue and for our continued interactions going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Berto Guerra, Jr.", with a long, sweeping underline.

Berto Guerra, Jr.
Board Chairman