



News from the Helotes Heritage Association

Dear Readers,

Our efforts to oppose SAWS's plans to extend water and sewer service into the Hill Country continue. SAWS has not abandoned its plans to seek approval from TCEQ to allow them to amend their CCNs. If its request to amend the CCNs is approved, it would then be required to extend these services to developers when and where it is asked. A coalition of groups and individuals, including HHA, led the effort to take SAWS into the courts of TCEQ to deny SAWS these plans.

Both legal battles are ongoing and will continue until there are final judgments, which will not happen until mid-2009, or SAWS decides to give up on these plans. HHA and our allies are convinced that the integrity of the Hill Country environment and the long-term protection of the Edwards Aquifer would be forever degraded if the contested area is opened up to high-density development that would come with sewer and water service.

Therefore, we must continue on two fronts: we must continue to engage SAWS in the TCEQ courts, and we must continue to appeal to SAWS to abandon its plans to expand its sewer and water service into the Hill Country. The most effect way to appeal to SAWS is to contact its Board Members and express your concerns. Following are the names of the seven SAWS Board Members:

Willie A. Mitchell
Michael W. Lackey, P.E.
Mayor Phil Hardberger, ex Officio
Alexander E. Briseno, Chairman
Salvadore M. Hernandez, Secretary
R. Douglas Leonhard, Vice Chairman
Roberto Anguiano

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Please do what you can to send a message to the SAWS Board that extending sewer and water service into the Hill Country would be counter to the best long-term interest, not just for the folks who live in the affected area, but for all those who rely on the Edwards Aquifer for their source of drinking water.

Sincerely,
Ron Green, President
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