

City of San Antonio



AGENDA

City Council A Session

Municipal Plaza Building
114 W. Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Thursday, May 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council will hold its regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building located at 114 W. Commerce Street beginning at the above referenced date and time for the following items. Once convened, the City Council will take up the following items in any order during the meeting but no sooner than the designated times.

9:00 AM: Call to Order

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Resolution 1) requesting financial assistance for the San Antonio Water System in the amount of \$32,000,000 from the Texas Water Development Board under its State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Program; 2) authorizing the System's Co-Financial Advisors, Bond Counsel, and Engineers to coordinate the submission of the application to the Texas Water Development Board for funding from its State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Program; and 3) approving related matters. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief of Financial and Administrative Services; Troy Elliott, Chief Financial Officer]

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY RECESS FOR LUNCH AND RECONVENE TO CONSIDER ANY UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

6:00 P.M. – If the Council has not yet adjourned, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to continue the council meeting, postpone the remaining items to the next council meeting date, or recess and reconvene the meeting at a specified time on the following day.



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 14

Agenda Date: May 8, 2025

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for financial assistance.

SUMMARY:

This Resolution authorizes the submittal of an application requesting financial assistance under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The San Antonio Water System (SAWS) requests City Council approve resolutions authorizing SAWS to submit an application for financial assistance to the TWDB under the SWIFT Program in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 to fund certain qualified projects.

The City Council exercises its oversight of SAWS through the approval of rates and charges, authorization of debt transactions, approval of all condemnations, and the appointment of all Trustees except the Mayor who serves as an ex-officio member.

The SAWS was created on April 30, 1992, by City Ordinance 75686. SAWS serves more than 575,700 water and 515,700 wastewater customers in and around San Antonio and maintains over

13,900 miles of water and sewer mains. Ordinance 75686 requires debt issuances to be reviewed and approved by City Council.

SAWS' capital financing plan utilizes a variety of sources to fund capital improvements. These include revenues, impact fees, bonds, and tax-exempt commercial paper. SAWS issues bonds periodically to finance capital improvement projects, refinance outstanding debt for debt service savings, and refund outstanding tax-exempt commercial paper notes (converting interim financing to permanent financing).

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)

TWDB's SWIFT Program provides subsidized loans for water supply projects included in the State Water Plan.

The financial assistance being requested is for design phase of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Plant Expansion, which will expand the ASR treatment capacity from 30 million gallons per day to 60 million gallons per day, plus other required replacements and improvements.

The process to receive financial assistance under the SWIFT Program consists of a submittal of an application for participation. No financial commitment on SAWS part is made at the application stage. A financial commitment by SAWS is made at a later date when bond proceeds are received to finance the project. SAWS will seek additional SAWS Board of Trustee and City Council approval prior to the issuance of any bonds under this program.

The submittal of an application for financial assistance has no impact on the current rate structure of SAWS.

ISSUE:

SAWS looks for opportunities to reduce costs including seeking below market financing of projects. SAWS is requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board in the form of a below market interest rate loans under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve the resolution requesting financial assistance, SAWS would miss an opportunity to receive a loan with below market interest rates to finance the design of the ASR Plant Expansion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Resolution authorizes the submittal of an application requesting financial assistance under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000.

The submittal of an application for financial assistance will have no fiscal impact to the City and has no impact on the current rate structure of SAWS.

RECOMMENDATION:

The SAWS Board of Trustees, the Supervisor of Public Utilities, and City Staff recommend approval of the resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000,000 FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD UNDER ITS STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION FUND FOR TEXAS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE SYSTEM'S CO-FINANCIAL ADVISORS, BOND COUNSEL, AND ENGINEERS TO COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR FUNDING FROM ITS STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION FUND FOR TEXAS PROGRAM; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio, Texas (the *City*) deems it necessary to apply to the Texas Water Development Board (the *Board*) for financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Water System (the *System*) has requested and recommended that the City take this action; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, which govern the procedures in making such an application, the governing body of the City is required to pass a resolution to accompany such application; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The City hereby requests that the Board, from its State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Program, grant financial assistance to the City in the amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 (as a loan, principal forgiveness, or by the purchase of obligations of the City and the receipt of the largest amount of grant funds lawfully available from the Board) for constructing improvements to the City's combined water and wastewater utility system in accordance with the associated Board program guidance, as designed by the System's consulting engineer. These obligations will be issued by the City in one or more series.

SECTION 2: The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City is hereby authorized to execute and submit to the Board the application for such financial assistance, and the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City, together with Bond Counsel (or Co-Bond Counsel), Co-Financial Advisors and consulting engineers named in such application, are authorized to appear before the Board in support of such application.

SECTION 3: The Chairwoman or Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the System or the President/Chief Executive Officer or the Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of the System is further specifically authorized to make the required assurances to the Board in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the Board.

SECTION 4: A certified copy of this Resolution shall be submitted with the application for financial assistance herein authorized to be prepared and submitted to the Board, and the City Clerk of the City is authorized and directed to prepare and certify such number of copies of this Resolution as may be required for purposes of supporting the submission of such application to the Board.

SECTION 5: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City and the System.

SECTION 6: All resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 8: If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 9: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 10: The effective date of this Resolution shall be governed by the provisions of Section 1-15 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas. This Resolution shall take effect immediately if passed by eight (8) affirmative votes; otherwise, this Resolution shall take effect ten (10) days from the date of passage.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of May, 2025.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

(SEAL)

I, the undersigned, City Attorney of the City of San Antonio, Texas, hereby certify that I read, passed upon, and approved as to form the foregoing Resolution prior to its adoption and passage as aforesaid.

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney
City of San Antonio, Texas