



SAN ANTONIO
RIVER AUTHORITY

GENERAL FACT SHEET

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25

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The San Antonio River Authority was created in 1937 by the State of Texas to preserve, protect, and manage the resources and environment of the San Antonio River Basin.

GOVERNANCE:

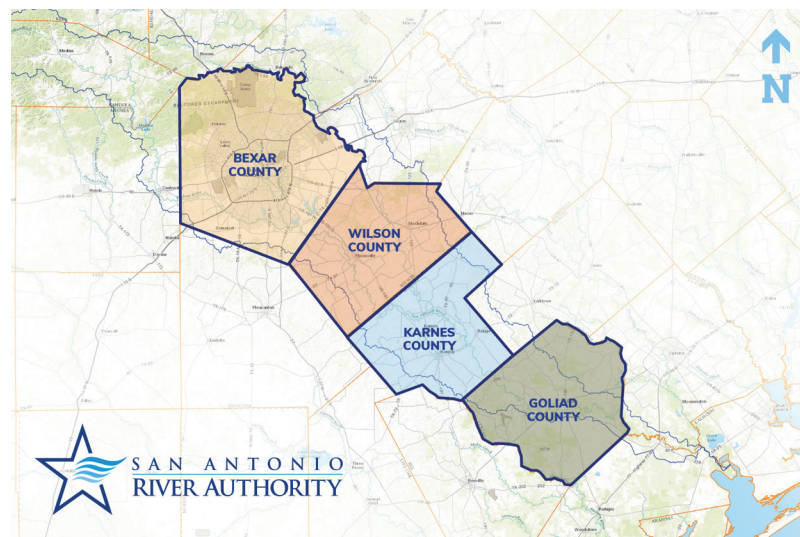
A 12-member Board of Directors governs the San Antonio River Authority with six directors elected from Bexar County and two elected from Wilson, Karnes and Goliad counties. Each elected member serves six years. Policies established by the Board.

WHO WE SERVE:

We balance economic development, environmental sustainability, and public welfare, serving communities, industries, and ecosystems in Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad counties.

TAXING AUTHORITY:

The San Antonio River Authority has the statutory authority to impose an ad valorem tax for use in planning, operations and maintenance activities only. Its tax is statutorily limited to two cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation. The adopted ad valorem tax rate is \$0.01787 per \$100 assessed property valuation. The average annual tax is \$55.13. The approved FY 2024-2025 budget is \$ 373.8 million.



MISSION

Committed to Safe, Clean, Enjoyable Creeks and Rivers.

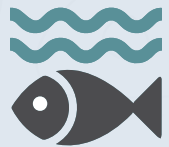
We uphold our mission through:

SAFE



Preparing for, responding to, and mitigating flood risks.

CLEAN



Protecting water quality, habitats, and biodiversity.

ENJOYABLE



Providing spaces and programs that connect people to natural resources.

VISION: INSPIRING ACTIONS FOR HEALTHY CREEKS & RIVERS



ACCOUNTABILITY



EXCELLENCE



OPEN & DIRECT
COMMUNICATION



TEAMWORK &
COLLABORATION

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SAFE:

- Local sponsor with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for more than 65 years to provide project management and technical expertise on flood mitigation studies, projects, and programs throughout the San Antonio River Basin.
- Local sponsor with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the construction of 27 flood dams in Bexar County and 13 Karnes County. The River Authority now operates and maintains these dams.
- Project Manager of the \$384 million San Antonio River Improvements Project, which was a collaboration with Bexar County, City of San Antonio, USACE, and San Antonio River Foundation to improve approximately 13 miles of the San Antonio River through the urban core of San Antonio.
- Project/Construction Manager of the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project, a collaboration with Bexar County and City of San Antonio to build a one-of-a-kind urban greenspace located on the western edge of downtown San Antonio.
- Serves as Cooperating Technical Partner and Letter of Map Revision delegate for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to locally update and maintain regulatory and non-regulatory floodplain maps throughout the River Authority's four-county district. Providing the most up-to-date and dynamic floodplain maps and flood risk products will help individuals understand their level of risk.
- Develops predictive flood modeling technology that provides the City of San and Bexar County first responders with innovative tools to avoid loss of life and protect property during heavy rain and flood events.
- Creates and maintains watershed master plans for the San Antonio River Basin that identify areas of flood risk, water quality concerns, and green space opportunities. This critical information is intended for use by citizens and community leaders to guide investments in capital projects to mitigate flooding, inform future development decisions to help improve water quality in creeks and rivers, and ensure the health, recreational, and economic benefits of green space can be maximized.
- Partners with City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and 20 suburban cities in the Bexar Regional Watershed Management program.
- Performs debris removal to maintain flow capacity of waterways in Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad counties.

CLEAN:

- The first ever authority laboratory in Texas to complete and successfully obtain NELAC accreditation under the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality program.
- Conducts water quality monitoring and assessment for State of Texas' Clean Rivers Program (CRP) that involves sampling at sites throughout the San Antonio River Basin from Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad counties and generating data being used for a historical database.
- Exceeds State's CRP sampling requirements by collecting additional data at sites along the San Antonio River and its major tributaries.
- Analyzes targeted growth zones to model the impact of unmitigated impervious cover. With a better understanding of the impact of impervious cover on water quality and flooding, area communities will be better positioned to propose changes in development codes and practices that focus on reducing threats to the health and sustainability of creeks and rivers while supporting more balanced growth options.
- Advances Low Impact Development (LID) and nature-based stormwater infrastructure development practices to reduce stormwater runoff, mitigate impervious cover, improve drainage, and improve water quality.
- Implements trash, debris, and dumping removal projects and litter prevention programs.
- Provides additional data on the biodiversity and health of the San Antonio River Basin's creeks and rivers, including Fish and Freshwater Mussel Community Composition and Riparian Habitat Assessments.
- Works with Soil and Water Conservation Districts to advance land and water conservation practices.
- Owns, operates, and maintains five wastewater treatment plants and collection systems in northeast Bexar County as well as managing the Randolph Air Force Base wastewater system.
- Provides contracted wastewater services to the cities of La Vernia, Somerset, Schertz, Green Valley Special Utility District, and the First Responders Academy.
- Completed Wastewater Needs Assessment of communities within the San Antonio River Basin.
- Conducts 2 household hazardous waste collection events per year in each of Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad counties.

ENJOYABLE:

Operates, maintains, and provides:

- 715 acres of nature-based parks.
 - 57.3 miles of paddling trails on the San Antonio River.
 - Recreation and educational programming for the Museum and Mission Reach segments of the San Antonio River Walk and the San Pedro Creek Cultural Park in Bexar County.
 - Recreation programming for the SASPAMCO Paddling Trail in Bexar and Wilson counties.
 - Recreation and educational programming for Helton-San Antonio River Nature Park, Graytown Nature Park, and Jackson Nature Park in Wilson County.
 - Recreation and educational programming for the Branch River Nature Park in Goliad County.
 - Recreation programming the Goliad Paddling Trail in Goliad County and support/assist the Canoe Trail Goliad organization with the annual Spring and Fall Goliad Flotilla paddling events.
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- Serves as project/Construction Manager for the Escondido Creek Parkway project in Karnes County. Operates, maintains, and provides recreation and educational programming for the Escondido Creek Parkway.
 - Supports efforts to enhance access, use, and cultural appreciation of the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site in Bexar County and Wilson County (the Rancho de las Cabras), the El Camino Real de los Tejas, and other points of cultural interest connecting San Antonio to La Bahia and Goliad.
 - Promotes regional approach to park planning and conservation through development of the San Antonio River Basin Plan for Nature-based Park Resources and support/assist communities throughout the San Antonio River Basin with parks and recreational needs.

