

# Water

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## SAWS Reorganization Features Functionality

After several meetings with SAWS Management Team, new President/CEO Dave Chardavoyné recently unveiled a more traditional organizational chart that aligned related functions, accountability and responsibility.

By grouping related or like functions under the same “umbrella” it will be easier to align accountability with responsibility. Executive managers will become accountable for corporate performance as well as group performance within their entire operation.

“This reorganization is designed to take greater advantage of the wealth of skills, abilities and experience we have at SAWS,” says Chardavoyné. “I’m already seeing more coordination and teamwork at SAWS and a recognition of the need to eliminate workarounds and duplicate functions. Our overall goal, however, is still to become more efficient while serving our customers better. And I’m confident we can stay on target and do that.”

## Evanson Hired as CFO

San Antonio Water System President/CEO David Chardavoyné today announced hiring Doug Evanson as the Chief Financial Officer for the utility. Evanson comes to SAWS with extensive utility finance experience and will be joining SAWS in mid-April.



Evanson

“Doug Evanson’s 18 years of financial and accounting success will serve San

## SAWS/LCRA Project Moves Ahead



### LCRA - SAWS Water Project

The governing boards of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and SAWS recently met to review their joint water conservation and development project.

The project may help to solve the future water needs in the lower Colorado River Basin and in the San Antonio area. Currently, environmental and technical studies are underway to determine the amount of water that may be available and how much it might cost to complete the project. An initial assessment showed that between 125,000 and 150,000 acre feet per year could be developed while meeting agricultural and environmental needs for water in the Colorado River basin.

The project plan calls for water conservation in the rice-growing areas, local

groundwater development for agriculture in the Colorado Basin, and construction of off-channel reservoirs to store excess river flows for use in San Antonio.

The meeting was the second time the boards have met jointly. Ray Wilkerson, chairman of the LCRA Board, said that the water conservation and development project will have a profound and positive impact on the economy of Texas as it meets agricultural needs and the requirements of the natural environment.

SAWS Board Chairman James Mayor agrees. “LCRA and SAWS created quite a buzz three years ago as our two agencies signed this historic water agreement”, he said. “We said we would be responsible in the way we discuss, report, judge and finally, if feasible, implement a project of this magnitude. Today’s public meeting demonstrates our commitment to following through with those important duties.”

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Antonio Water System’s customers well as we address the financing needs of our water resources and infrastructure improvements programs,” said Chardavoyné. “He possesses in-depth knowledge of the various aspects of finance, along with an ability to communicate difficult financial matters in a clear and concise manner. His substantial experience and energetic style will serve our community well as SAWS accounts for ratepayer investments in the city’s water and wastewater systems.”

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity of joining a financially strong organization as well as the vibrant community of San Antonio,” said Evanson.

Doug Evanson was selected as the result of a national search and will be moving to San Antonio from Overland Park, Kansas. Most recently, Evanson was the Assistant Treasurer at Black and Veatch in Kansas. Before that, he was the Chief Financial Officer for United Energy and Multinet Gas, electricity and natural gas distribution companies located in Melbourne, Australia.

Evanson earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Missouri in Kansas City and a Bachelor of Science (Accounting and Business Administration) from the University of Kansas. He is also a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Cash Manager.

# WaterFest 2005

Saturday, April 30  
8:30am - 4pm  
Freeman Coliseum

**Join us for WaterFest 2005 Family Day! It's fun for the whole family... and it's free!**

Following in the footsteps of last year's success, WaterFest 2005 kicks off on Saturday, April 30 at the Freeman Coliseum.

This year, four themed towns beckon guests of all ages to come and explore the many wonders of water. *The Learning Lab* features over sixty different booths inside Freeman Coliseum. In our *H2O Hero Village*, you will enjoy a number of educational games and attractions including *Bucket's Bungee Pull*, *H2O Quest*, and *Fishing for Pollution*. Cowboys and storytellers await your visit to *Heritage Plaza* and the surprises in the *Water Works* are sure to send you



*Dino World offers close up experiences with fossils.*

away wetter than when you came. R o u n d - i n g out the day's excitement are over twenty scheduled s h o w s , demonstrations and educational experiences on four stages.



*Soak a friend at the Silly Shower.*

Clap along with Lee Towell and the crew from the locally-based PBS show CAT PAWS and journey back to the Jurassic period with everyone's favorite dinosaur expert Dino George Blassing. And there's more... a whole day more!



*There's plenty of wet fun at the Water Works!*

So grab your sunscreen and join us at WaterFest 2005, the wettest and wildest day of the year!

Laugh and learn at the same time when nationally famous ventriloquist Nacho Estrada and Maclovio present "Respect, Recycle, Reuse, Reduce."

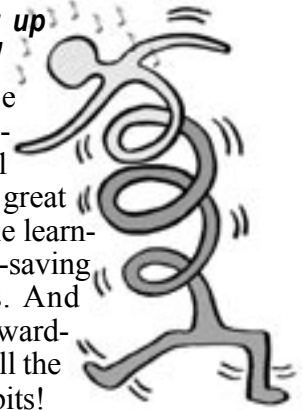
## Garden 05 Jazz Party

*Are you diggin' the rhythm?*

- Sunday, May 1
- Free Entry 10 am - 2pm
- Botanical Garden • 555 Funston
- Jazz Music by Second Nature

**Let SAWS jazz up your landscape!**

Join us at the Botanical Garden on May 1 to enjoy some great jazz music while learning great water-saving landscape tips. And prizes will be awarded for visiting all the landscape exhibits!



## Vote!

**Make your vote count!**

Voting day will be on Saturday, May 7. Early voting runs April 20-May 3 at many locations across the city. Voting hours depend on location.

For more information on voting sites, or for a sample ballot, visit the Bexar County elections website at [www.bexar.org/elections](http://www.bexar.org/elections), or call the elections office at 335-0362.

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The potential environmental, social and economic impacts will be thoroughly reviewed before the project continues. The cost of studying the potential effects of the complex water plan is estimated at more than \$41 million and

will take a total of six years to complete. The studies are currently in their second year. The SAWS board in December approved \$8 million to continue project studies in 2005.



#### **Drinking, bathing, cleaning, cooking....**

Many people take water for granted. But everyday, families risk losing water service because they can't afford to pay their water bill. If you'd like to help keep water flowing to our neighbors in need, you can contribute to Project Agua, a non-profit program from SAWS helping customers pay their water bill. It's simple and no contribution is too small to help. Just look for the donation box on the return portion of your SAWS bill.

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