



San Antonio Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project

SAWS undertook one of the first major water projects under new legislation in Texas authorizing municipal water utilities to use alternative project delivery methods, a 12 mgd brackish groundwater treatment facility and conveyance system. Hawkins served as special counsel to SAWS for the project. In that capacity, our firm commented extensively on the new legislation, helped structure the water rights agreements and counseled SAWS on various available procurement options. CMAR was ultimately selected. Our responsibilities also included assistance with RFEI, RFQ and RFP development and drafting and negotiating both the program management (design engineering) and construction-manager-at-risk contracts for the project.

Clients: San Antonio Water System (SAWS)

Role: Owner's Lead Counsel

Distinction: Groundbreaking Desalination Project Under New Texas Alternative Project Delivery Legislation

Delivery Method: Construction-Manager-at-Risk (CMAR)

Project Size: 12 MGD

Capital Cost: \$85 Million

Contract Term: 4 Years

Contract Counterparties: Black & Veatch, Zachry Construction and Parsons

Attorneys

- Eric S. Petersen
- Joseph Sullivan

Practice

- Alternative Project Delivery

Industry

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- Water