

San Antonio Vista Ridge Regional Water Supply Project

Hawkins represented SAWS as lead counsel in the structuring and negotiation of the water transmission and purchase agreement and related project and security agreements for SAWS' \$3 billion Vista Ridge Regional Water Supply Project (a design-build-finance-operate-maintain public-private partnership). The raw groundwater well and transmission pipeline project will provide San Antonio with up to 50,000 acre feet per year of Carrizo-Wilcox and Simsboro aquifer water from wells located 142 miles northeast in Burleson County for 30 years following the completion of construction. The project will be the largest non-Edwards Aquifer supply of water in San Antonio's history and is the first large scale water sector P3 in Texas. Our water infrastructure attorneys are also representing SAWS on a companion water system improvements project designed to receive and distribute Vista Ridge water, being procured on a progressive design-build basis.



Clients: San Antonio Water System (SAWS)

Role: Owner's Lead Counsel

Distinction: First Large Scale Water Sector P3 Project in Texas

Delivery Method: Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain (P3)

Project Size: 50,000 AFY

Capital Cost: \$900 Million

Contract Value: \$3 Billion

Contract Term: 30 Years

Contract Counterparties: Vista Ridge LLC (Garney Construction)

Awards: Project Finance International North American Deal of the Year, Global Water Intelligence Water Deal of the Year and P3 Bulletin Best Utilities Project of the Year Gold Medal

Attorneys

- Lloyd S. Lowy
- Eric S. Petersen

Practices

- Alternative Project Delivery
- Project Finance
- Public-Private Partnerships

Industry

- Water