Environmental Compliance for San Antonio Water System Twin Oaks Brackish Groundwater **Desalination Plant**

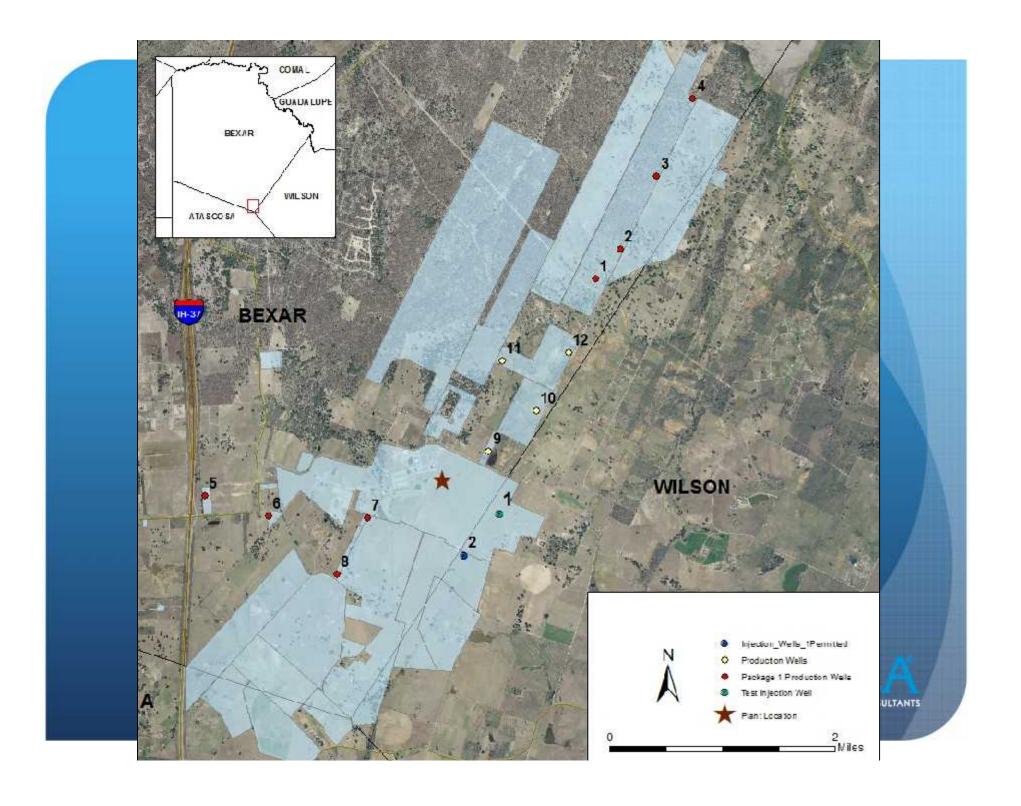


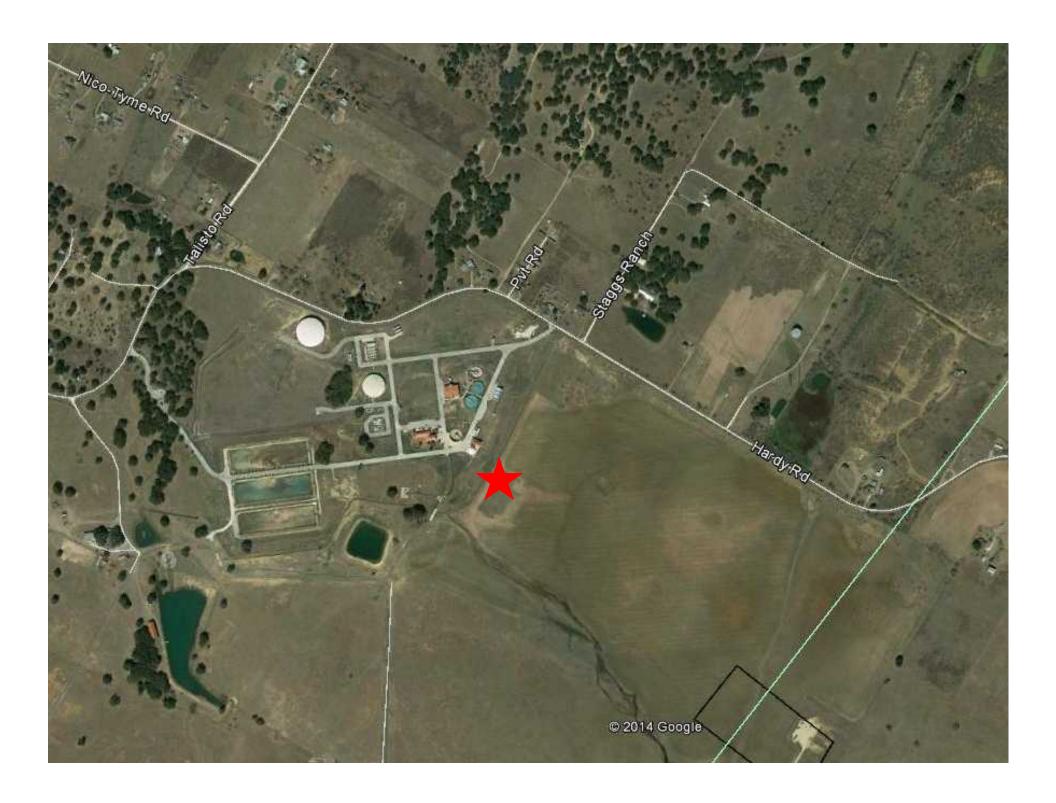
Sound Science, Creative Solutions,

Twin Oaks Brackish Groundwater Desalination

- Purpose is to supplement and diversify SAWS' water resources portfolio to meet the City of San Antonio's water needs over the next 50 years, while reducing dependence on the Edwards Aquifer.
- Phase I of the Twin Oaks BGD plant will generate about 12 million gallons of water per day (mgd) or 13,440 acre-feet per year from the Wilcox Aquifer.







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Regulatory Layers - Applicable Permits and Agency Coordination

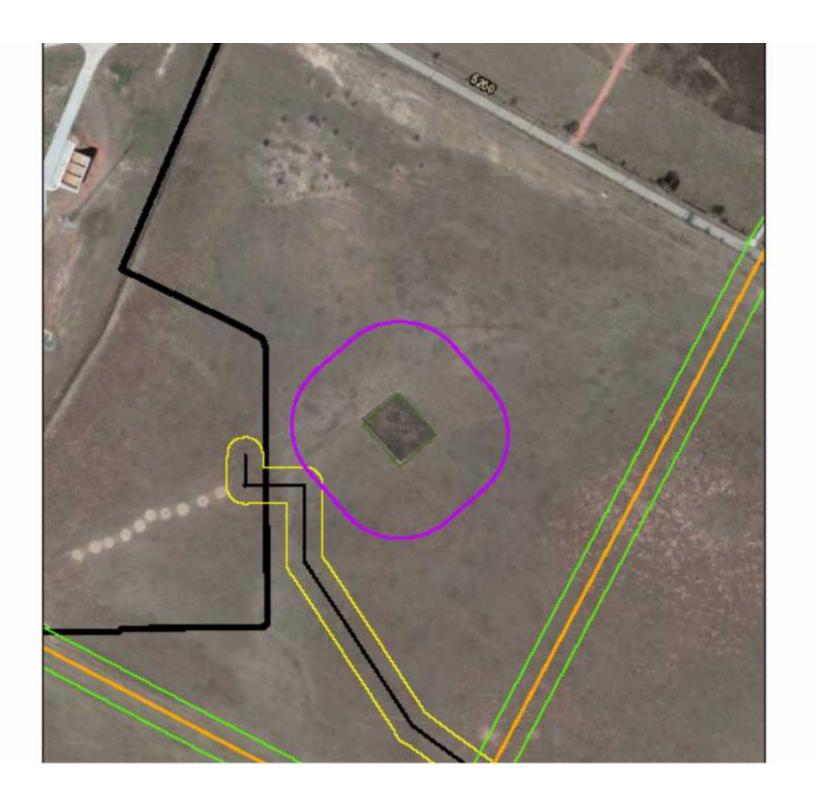
	Regulatory Framework	Agency	Permit/Review
Federal	Clean Water Act Endangered Species Act (ESA) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) National Historic Preservation Act	US Army Corps of Engineers US Fish and Wildlife Service Texas Historical	
	(NHPA)	Commission	THII THE TIET
State	Texas Antiquities Code	Texas Historical Commission	Antiquities Permit
	Texas Water Development Board Environmental Determination Texas Parks and Wildlife Code	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	TWDB Environmental Assessment TPWD Review/ Recommendations
Local	City of San Antonio Unified Development Code (applies to extra-territorial jurisdiction)	City of San Antonio Development Services	City of San Antonio Historic Preservation Office Review City of San Antonio Tree Permit City of San Antonio Habitat Compliance Process

Environmental Constraints Analysis



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Avoid/Minimize/Mitigate Environmental Impacts

Cemetery - avoided through implementation of 200-foot avoidance buffer

Avoidance plan required Texas Historical Commission review/approval



Avoid/Minimize/Mitigate **Environmental Impacts**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department state listed species

- Species surveys and relocations, if needed
- Educational outreach to staff and contractors





Texas Bernel Lizard (alsa Physiciana carneta



The Texas Horned Lizard is a protected species under Texas state law. As a Texas Water Development Board funded project, the SAWS Brackish Water Desalination project is committed to protection of state threatened species.

If you see a Texas Horned Lizard on the project site:

- Do not handle or touch; do not disturb nearby burrows
- Contact Sheldon Eskelson with Zachry-Parsons ◊ cell 210 819 1054

 Sheldon Eskelson@Parsons.com or
- Brian Lennard with Zachry-Parsons ◊ cell 210 871 2785 ◊ Brian.Lennard@ZachryCorp.com

These supervisors will contact SAWS biological consultants for proper removal of lizards to a safe location.

Questions

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