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San Antonio Area Loses 208 Designation

The San Antonio area and AACOG have been stripped of their designation for 208 wastewater management planning and future planning authority for the affected area has been given jointly to the Texas Department of Water Resources and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

EPA Regional Administrator Adlene Harrison, acting on the recommendation made by former Governor Dolph Briscoe shortly before he left office, advised Governor Bill Clements of the de-designation action in a letter dated July 11. She noted that EPA and the TDWR had developed a program whereby continuing planning subagreements would be made by TDWR with the City of San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority and Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority, the three major waste treatment operators in the affected area, with final authority resting with the State.



While Ms. Harrison did not cite a reason for the unprecedented move to de-designate an area earlier defined as a "water quality problem area" under Section 208 of Public Law 92-500, former Governor Briscoe had given "political controversy" surrounding the AACOG 208 planning process as the major cause for recommending the change. Briscoe did certify the AACOG-produced plan as meeting all 208 planning requirements and recommended its acceptance by EPA, but asked that the State rather than AACOG be given continuing planning responsibility and that the area be de-designated.

The removal of the area's designation could have significant consequences in the future since designated areas, by law, have more autonomy in setting waste treatment priorities and have a competitive advantage in gaining federal grants for new sewage treatment facilities and other improvements because they are classified as needing intensive help to correct stream quality problems resulting from their urban/industrial nature. The San Antonio 208 area will now be combined with rural areas throughout Texas in competing for limited planning and construction dollars.

According to an EPA spokesman, the State will receive \$132,000 for continuing planning in the San Antonio area but he could not say how much the State intended to pass on to the three local subcontractors for their planning activities. In designated areas, EPA money

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City of Seguin Receives Large EDA Grant

The City of Seguin has been awarded a grant from the Economic Development Administration to provide an extension to the current water services to the Motorola Plant, a major employer in that area. Mayor Al Koebig of Seguin received word from Cong. "Chick" Kazen's office that the city's application for \$435,000 will be funded by EDA. The city will provide the \$290,000 required local match. Acting at Mayor Koebig's request, AACOG's Regional Services staff had worked with the Mayor and other Segunites in developing the initial and final applications that secured the EDA funding.

Summary of Executive Committee Action

During July, the Executive Committee held its single monthly meeting, the first under the new schedule which was adopted in June to help reduce gasoline usage by members traveling from 12 counties. Chairman Paul Herder appointed a subcommittee to resolve the issues that have arisen recently involving the conflict of interest policy and the jurisdiction of A-95 review. Appointees were Comal County Judge Max Wommack, vice chairman; Bexar County Commissioner Tom Vickers; and San Antonio City Councilman Joe Alderete.

In a report from Lester Swander, chairperson of the Bexar Senior Advisory, the Committee favorably reviewed the Title V allocations for alteration/renovation of senior centers. Applicants and grant amounts awarded were Morningside Manor, Inc., \$11,500; Jewish Community Center, \$7,785; Meadowood Acres, \$6,800; Health, Inc., \$4,432; Our Lady of Guadalupe, \$13,628; Mexican American Unity Council, \$15,000; St. Phillips of Jesus, \$13,525 (to include acquisition); Good Samaritan, \$22,000; San Antonio for Christ, \$6,525; and Old Spanish Missions, \$15,080. All of the applications are to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Agency on Aging).

Atascosa County Judge O.B. Gates provided an overview of the 13 energy impact applications from the Counties of Atascosa, Karnes and Wilson and the Cities of Falls City, Jourdanon, Karnes City, Kenedy, La Vernia, Pleasanton, Poteet, Poth, Runge and Stockdale. As reported in the July *Region* the \$4,605,650 in funds requested from Farmers Home Administration and the local match will alleviate problems in those areas caused by the impact of lignite coal or uranium mining.

The new chairman of the Housing Advisory, Ervin Willard, presented a report recommending two applications receive favorable review with conditions. The Executive Committee concurred. One application was Turnkey New Construction for 66 low-income housing units by the San Antonio Housing Authority for \$2,081,500 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Northside Independent School District voiced concerns that the project could possibly upset the ethnic balance of an area currently under Court Order for desegregation. Louie Williams, of SAHA, explained that the authority had no control on the site location of a private developer's application as long as it met the criteria. The other application to HUD for \$2,340,875 was from the Salvation Army Residences, Inc. for 95 apartments to house elderly citizens under Section 202/208. Councilman Alderete, who represents the district where the project would be located, raised questions to the Salvation Army's spokesperson, Major Rolan Chambliss, regarding the physical appearance of the structure and whether an effort had been made to inform area residents about the project.

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Application Review Agenda

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HOUSING ADVISORY

Committee meets: Monday, August 13, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: Claude Guerra by Friday, August 10

9-07-18-104 APPLICANT: Riata Construction Company
"RIVER OAKS NORTH": Application for subdivision feasibility analysis, Veterans Administration. North of Wurzbach Road on Vance Jackson. Start 10 homes in the \$60,000 to \$80,000 price range.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY

Committee meets: Thursday, August 16, 1 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: James M. Brandes by August 15

9-08-180701 APPLICANT: Barrio Comprehensive Child Health Care Center
"Mental Health Initiative Program": To expand mental health services to persons living in census tracts and 1703 under current Urban Health Initiative and Migrant Health programs. Total Cost: \$56,834. Funding Agency: HEW.

9-08-18-702 APPLICANT: Alamo Consortium
"CETA Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program": To provide the needed training and services to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families to find economically viable alternatives to seasonal agricultural labor, and improve the life style of such workers who remain in agricultural labor market. Total Cost: \$400,000. Funding Agency: DOL.

9-08-18-703 APPLICANT: San Marcos-Hays County Health Department
"Migrant Health Project - Notice of Intent": To provide comprehensive health care services to migrant farmworkers, seasonal agricultural workers and their families in Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Caldwell, Travis and Blanco Counties. Total Cost: \$132,199. Funding Agency: HEW - \$105,757. Local Match: \$26,442.

9-08-18-704 APPLICANT: Texas Department of Health
"Texas Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Care": To establish a network of well-coordinated adolescent pregnancy and parental services that will make use of existing health providers and facilities to lower the incidence of unwanted repeat adolescent pregnancy. Total Cost: \$1,120,198. Funding Agency: HEW - \$847,073. Local Match: \$363,125.

9-08-18-705 APPLICANT: Texas Migrant Council, Inc.
"Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program": To provide comprehensive employment, training and supportive services to farmworkers in Frio, Medina, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Maverick, McMullen, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata and Zavala Counties. Total Cost: \$750,000. Funding Agency: DOL.

9-08-18-706 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Targeted Employment Demonstration Project": Will develop a system for the employment of economically disadvantaged persons (CETA eligible) on local and federally funded development projects. Impact area: City of San Antonio, Bexar County. Total Cost: \$56,250. Funding Agency: EDA - \$45,000. Local Match: \$11,250.

9-08-18-707 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Economic Development Planning Grant": To continue the Economic Development planning and coordination activities within the City of San Antonio. Total Cost: \$133,333. Funding Agency: EDA - \$100,000. Local Match: \$33,333.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

A joint Public Hearing for the Alamo and Bexar Area Agencies on Aging will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 532, Three Americas Building, San Antonio. The hearing will allow citizens to provide comments and input to the Area Plan for the region. Participants will assist in identifying needs and establishing priorities for individuals age 60 and over.

The public is invited, especially those interested in services by/for the elderly. For further information, contact Bexar AAA-Minnie R. Williams or Alamo AAA-Frank Adamo at 225-5201.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

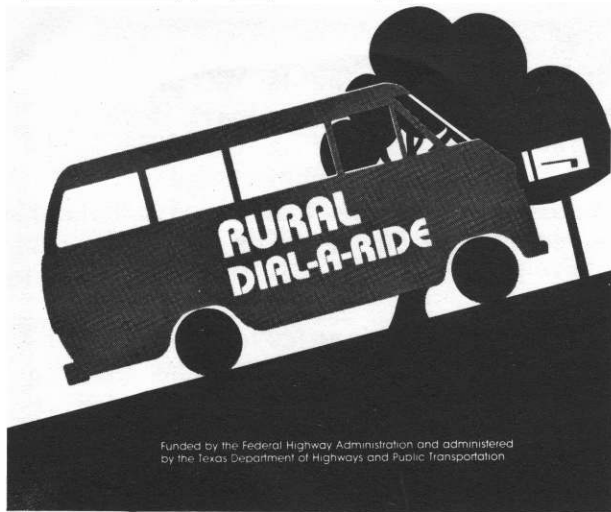
Committee meets: Wednesday, August 15, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Carlie E. Evans by Tuesday, August 14

- 9-08-18-300 APPLICANT: City of Fredericksburg
 "Radio Expansion Project": To increase the capability and efficiency of the police department. Total Cost: \$5,523.
Funding Agency: CJD - \$4,142. Local Funds: \$1,381.
- 9-08-18-301 APPLICANT: Atascosa County
 "Coordinating Staff for District Courts Trying Criminal and Juvenile Cases": To continue to eliminate a maximum of administrative detail and to comply with the Speedy Trial Act. Total Cost: \$14,340. Funding Agency: CJD - \$2,868.
Local Funds: \$11,472.
- 9-08-18-302 APPLICANT: Comal County
 "Juvenile Probation Officer Assistant": To employ an assistant juvenile probation officer to assist the juvenile probation officer in reaching troubled youth in Comal County. Total Cost: \$13,813. Funding Agency: CJD - \$13,638.
Local Funds: \$175.
- 9-08-18-303 APPLICANT: Comal County
 "Comal County Jail TV Camera and Monitor Surveillance System": This system shall become a part of Comal County Jail Surveillance procedure as a booster to increase security and capability. Total Cost: \$9,500. Funding Agency: CJD - \$7,125. Local Funds: \$2,375.
- 9-08-18-304 APPLICANT: Guadalupe County
 "Jail TV Surveillance Equipment": To increase and improve safety and security for both peace officers and inmates. Total Cost: \$9,500. Funding Agency: CJD - \$7,125. Local Funds: \$2,375.
- 9-08-18-305 APPLICANT: Guadalupe County
 "Guadalupe County Attorney Equipment": Purchase of word process equipment to enable county attorney office to prepare complaints and information with a minimum of typing time in an effort to comply with the Speedy Trial Act. Total Cost: \$15,240. Funding Agency: CJD - \$11,430. Local Funds: \$3,810.
- 9-08-18-306 APPLICANT: Alamo Area Council of Governments
 "Delinquency Prevention Program": Phase I: To complete a study that would report the extent and nature of vandalism and provide a means for subsequent reform and corrective measures. Phase II: To conduct a major community-wide public awareness campaign on vandalism prevention. Total Cost: \$27,743. Funding Agency: CJD - \$27,743.
- 9-08-18-307 APPLICANT: Alamo Area Council of Governments
 "Police Technical Equipment": To improve the clearance rate on index offenses and to have equipment available for investigative use. Total Cost: \$14,247. Funding Agency: CJD - \$10,685. Local Funds: \$3,562.
- 9-08-18-308 APPLICANT: 22nd/207th Judicial District (Caldwell, Comal & Hays)
 "Computerized Jury Selection": To reduce jury panel waste and decrease court related agency time requirements. Total Cost: \$4,667. Funding Agency: CJD - \$3,500. Local Funds: \$1,167.
- 9-08-18-309 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
 "Purchase of Films for S.A.P.D. Community Relations Bureau": To identify, evaluate, and develop programs of resolution to community needs as related to the police. Total Cost: \$3,260. Funding Agency: CJD - \$2,445. Local: \$815.
- 9-08-18-310 APPLICANT: Bexar County
 "Metropolitan Youth Agency": To purchase services to provide emergency shelter care for juveniles, evaluate contracts for service, and offer technical assistance. Total Cost: \$344,003. Funding Agency: CJD - \$343,918. Local: \$85.
- 9-08-18-311 APPLICANT: Bexar County
 "Sheriff's Crime Prevention Project": To offer crime prevention techniques to county residents within the Sheriff's area of sole jurisdiction. Total Cost: \$26,000. Funding Agency: CJD - \$24,688. Local Funds: \$1,312.
- 9-08-18-312 APPLICANT: Bandera County
 "Phase 1-Bandera County Planning for County Correctional Facility": To begin first phase of planning for a Bandera County Correctional Facility to explore the possibility of constructing a new facility; to adequately serve the needs of the community and provide proper incarceration. Total Cost: \$20,000. Funding Agency: CJD - \$20,000.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

Committee meets: Tuesday, August 21, 9 a.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Mel A. Goodwin by Monday, August 20

- 9-07-18-018 APPLICANT: Bandera County WC&ID No. 1, Bandera, Texas
 Application to the Environmental Protection Agency continuation funding for "Step II and III Wastewater Treatment Plant Design and Construction and Sewer System Rehabilitation." Total Cost: \$662,461. Funding Agency: EPA - \$496,845. Applicant: \$165,616.
- 9-07-18-019 APPLICANT: City of Marion, Texas
 Application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a basic grant to fund a "Step I Project for Preparation of Facilities Plan and Related Elements for Wastewater Treatment Plant." Total Cost: \$14,788. Funding Agency: EPA - \$11,091. Applicant: \$3,697.



The Rural Dial-A-Ride Report

Rural Dial-A-Ride, the rural public transportation program for the Alamo region, has an increased ridership for one-way trips of over 400 percent during a three month period. In June, 2,600 one-way trips were made in contrast to 640 in April.

One of the main purposes of the demonstration program operated by the Community Council of South Central Texas is to provide accessible transportation for the isolated rural population. AACOG's area of over 11,000 square miles provides an excellent opportunity for integrating rural and urban public transportation. The system does not compete with bus or taxicab services, but makes them more accessible to all.

Administered by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Rural Dial-A-Ride offers service to residents of cities with a population of less than 5,000 and outside the VIA-Metropolitan Transit Service Area.

During this quarter, over 70 percent of the riders were elderly and 22 percent were handicapped. The 14 vans distributed throughout the region are capable of accommodating nine passengers and equipped with ramps and wheelchair locks. The major purpose for the trips during April-June was to go to a nutrition site, with medical/dental trips ranking second.

To take advantage of the system if you live in a rural area, call toll-free 1-800-292-5648. A 24-hours notice is required, and a 50 cents contribution is requested. For further information, call the toll-free number, or Barbara Burke, program manager at AACOG, at 225-5201.

The following is a tabulation of one-way trips for each county during June:

Atascosa, 350	Frio, 121	Kendall, 95
Bandera, 41	Gillespie, 12	Kerr, 48
Bexar, 13	Guadalupe, 824	Medina, 710
Comal, 87	Karnes, 202	Wilson, 97

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goes directly to the local planning agencies without passing through the State. For example, the Dallas area is scheduled to receive approximately \$500,000 and Houston over \$400,000 per year for continuing planning in their 208 designated areas.

The San Antonio area and AACOG were originally designated for 208 planning in 1975 and AACOG developed the current 208 plan in close coordination with the City of San Antonio, SARA and CCMA, as well as with other local governments and waste treatment operators. An intensive public participation program also brought active input to the plan from individuals, civic groups, business organizations, environmentalists and other community interest groups.

The latest action by the EPA administrator effectively ends AACOG's four year involvement as a direct participant in waste treatment planning, except for A-95 review of future facilities grants to local agencies. However, the plan developed by AACOG staff and others during that period will serve as the major guide for the State and local agencies who are now responsible for implementation of the plan's recommendations and future updating to accommodate changes in population and local priorities.

YCC Encourages Conservation

"Missions of San Antonio" Camp, the summer Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program, will end its sixth year of successful operation during the middle of August. The 49 YCC participants, between the ages of 15 and 18, are providing needed conservation and park development projects at five work sites. Park development projects are located at the Municipal Park in Live Oak, Raymond Rimkus Park in Leon Valley and Max Starcke Park in Seguin. Other work assignments included landscape and horticultural operations at the San Antonio Botanical Center and the repointing of compound walls and the construction of brick pathways for the historical Mission San Jose.

In addition to the conservation work, ten additional hours each week are devoted to environmental education. YCC is administered by the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior and in the State by the Texas Department of Community Affairs. AACOG sponsors the program locally in cooperation with the Cities of Live Oak, Leon Valley, San Antonio and Seguin and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For additional information on next year's program, contact Bob Walker at AACOG.

Regional Institute Set for September 18 & 19

The Alamo Area Regional Institute will conduct its yearly seminar concerning substance abuse on September 18 and 19 at St. Mary's University. The Institute, entitled "Spotlight on Families", will discuss ways family members can provide love, care and support to reverse the trend toward dependence on chemical substances.

Sponsored jointly by the Continuing Education division of St. Mary's and AACOG, the Institute will offer a varied program of speakers and workshops. Held during the International Year of the Child, the program will illustrate what the family needs to know to function as a nurturing problem solving unit.

The keynote speaker, Sharon Wegscheider, has focused on alcoholism and the family in consultation, training and lecturing activities throughout the United States and Europe. She will also lead an afternoon workshop session after her morning presentation on September 18.

Health Survey Underway

Four cities in the AACOG region - Elmendorf, Natalia, Runge and Stockdale - are undergoing a block-by-block environmental health survey. Conducted under the auspices of the Texas Department of Health and AACOG, the survey will enable the cities to ascertain if environmental health hazards or defects exist in their community.

As the survey teams drive around the city blocks, they record environmental factors that affect people's health. Ed Cantu, of TDH, has trained the survey teams to record the number and conditions of the block's housing, garbage storage, and sheds. Livestock, dogs, poultry, sewage, water drainage, abandoned autos and rubble in yards are recorded. The team also works with specific requests from the cities since the survey tries to meet needs of each area. Susan Lodge, an AACOG intern attending Vassar College, and Leigh Rausch, a volunteer intern, have completed work in Runge and Stockdale. Now the results for those cities will be transferred from the block survey diagrams into a series of color coded maps to point out problem areas. As an example, a city block with bad drainage could be a potential breeding ground for mosquitos. This block would be singled out with a designated color. Or a block with unleashed dogs would be pinpointed.

Cantu will also provide an analysis of the survey data and an evaluation of the community problems as indicated by the survey results.

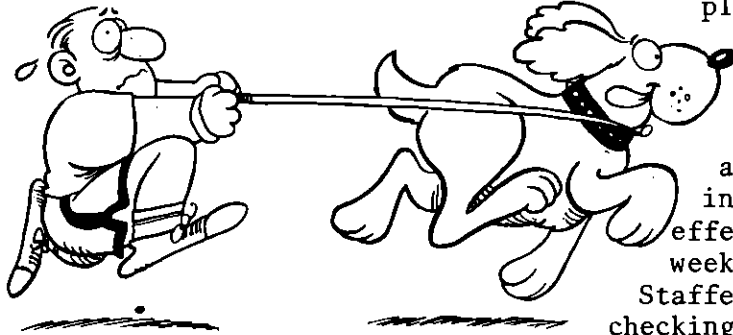
The data collected has numerous potential uses, including documentation for applications to, for example, the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Community Services Administration.

When You're Hot — You're Hot

Sweat beads form on the upper lip. The collar and tie become loosened. The jacket discarded.

Signs of police interrogation? An outrageous car repair bill? Executive Committee appearance? No - it's just reaction to the new temperature around town. 78°F. is the thermostat setting for all public buildings. Designed to conserve energy and still maintain comfort, the new temperature has relaxed dress codes all over the nation.

Executive Director Al Notzon, who has substituted guayaberas for his standard three-piece suits, has initiated various ways for AACOG employees to be energy conservative. Taking the bus and carpooling are encouraged, and an experimental day when every employee either came to work by bus or carpool was very successful. By



All methods of transportation are being explored

Texas Energy Extension Service to lessen utility bills and to conserve energy at home.

January, 1980, only carpool cars will be given a parking allowance (\$5/month) and bus passes will be available for half-fare. Traveling in the region has become more energy effective with a region map for each weekday posted on the bulletin board. Staffers double up or relay messages by checking the map for times and places.

Notzon has also encouraged the staff to take advantage of the energy audit conducted by

Lytle Recreation/Nutrition Program — A Success

Over 100 children are having fun this summer due to a coordinated and cooperative effort of various agencies. The Texas Department of Human Resources, Community Council of South Central Texas, Lytle ISD, AACOG and a concerned civic organization in Lytle, the South Texas Community Services, Inc. worked together for a summer recreation and nutrition program.

The kids don't care who was involved, but Elementary School Principal Raul Barrera projects that the program could become a model one for the region. Barrera said that for a child to be truly healthy, his mind must be fed as well as his body. The initial idea was formulated at a Lytle Goal-Setting Session (part of AACOG's Community Improvement Program). AACOG staffers Cecilia Elizondo and Jesus Garza were asked to see if funds were available, and they were able to locate the appropriate sources with coordinated assistance from Betty Murray, human resources manager.

The nutrition part, funded by TDHR, and the recreation program, funded by CCSCT, received additional assistance from the community organization. Frank Alfaro, president, said that the money available for the program was supplemented with volunteer workers and money received from a July 4th Bar-B-Que & Dance. In this way, operational expenses were cut and more children could participate in the program.

Recently, Joe Morales of TDHR with Ms. Murray and Ms. Elizondo visited the program on a very special day. Rodeo Charro Juan Montano, riding his trained Appaloosa horse, entertained the audience with his special talent of difficult roping tricks. Montano is a resident of Lytle and performs in rodeos all over the state.

The children are served breakfast and lunch plus they have an arts and crafts project. They also play games -- all types of games -- and the five-year-olds are burning up the dance floor with their disco dancing.

Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in Room 532, Three Americas Building

- Monday, August 6 Open Space Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 9 Frio County RC&D/Goals, 6:30 p.m., Neighborhood Center Cafeteria,
Pearsall.
- Friday, August 10 Bexar Senior Advisory, 9 a.m.
Alamo & Bexar Area Agencies on Aging Joint Public Hearing, 10 a.m.
- Monday, August 13 Housing Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 14 Regional Alcoholism Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
Wilson County RC&D/Goals, 12 Noon, Highway Haus, La Vernia.
- Wednesday, August 15 Criminal Justice Planning, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 16 Task Force on Women & Alcohol/Drugs, 12 Noon, Room 441.
Human Resources Advisory, 1 p.m.
Rural Transportation Advisory, 2 p.m., Room 230.
- Tuesday, August 21 Regional Development & Review, 9 a.m.
Vandalism Task Force, 1:30 p.m.
Atascosa County Goals, 12 Noon, Poteet Cafe, Poteet.
- Wednesday, August 22 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 23 Regional Drug Abuse Advisory, 3 p.m.
- Medina County Intergovernmental Council, Medina County Courthouse,
Hondo - DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.



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