

Clean Water, Anyone?

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AACOG 208 Areawide
Waste Treatment Management Plan

A Newsletter About '208' Planning.

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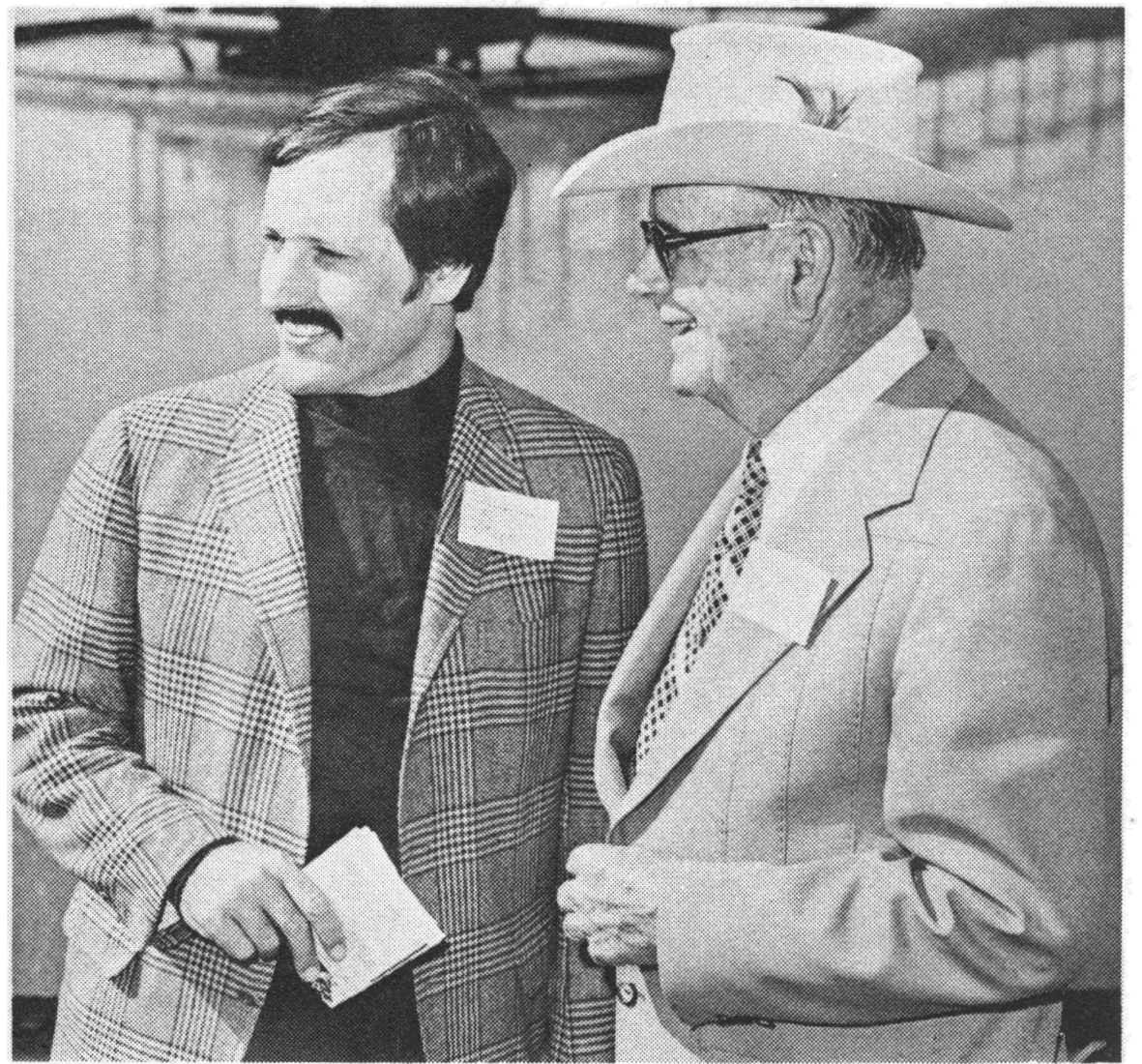
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FINAL PUBLIC HEARING SET

As the completion of the 208 program approaches, vital decisions are being made that will affect the quality of water for future generations. The opportunity for formal public comment on the final plan will be at the Public Hearing set for Wednesday June 21, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central American Room of the El Tropicano Hotel.

Prior to the public comments, the recommended Final Plan will be discussed including consultant's findings, the Area-wide Planning Advisory Committee's comments, AACOG's Executive Committee action as well as input from all the local governments within the 208 area.

Modifications and revisions have been made to incorporate improvements into the recommendations that will achieve the best possible 208 plan for the region.



Chairman of the 208 Public Participation Subcommittee Judge A.J. Ploch and AACOG's Executive Director Al Notzon look over the Rilling Road Sewer Treatment Plant as they discuss plans for the Public Hearing June 21.

AACOG SPONSORS LAST TRAINING SESSION

Interested citizens, APAC members and local government officials will have an opportunity to review and discuss the 208 plan's final recommendations at the last in a series of public training sessions in 208.

Conducted by Jaime Ornelas, AACOG's 208 project coordinator, the session will be held Wednesday, June 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in room 532 of the Three Americas Building. Ornelas will explain the contents of the Final Plan as well as answer any questions.

Interested persons are urged to attend this final training session as it will provide the data necessary to make informed public comments at the June Public Hearing.

FINAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

To develop a comprehensive program designed to achieve water quality goals for the San Antonio 208 area, it was necessary to consider all types of potential contributors to the pollution of the region's streams. These pollution sources are divided into point and nonpoint sources.

POINT SOURCES

POINT SOURCES - Those pollutants discharging directly from a treatment plant into a stream.

The point source pollution abatement program has been approached in terms of "decision areas". Within the 208 area, eight delineated point source decision areas were formed. They are: City of San Antonio service area; Medio Vicinity facilities; Somerset; Northwest; Hollywood Park; Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority; San Antonio River Authority; and remaining area.

Specific recommendations involving individual decision areas will be discussed in detail at the training session (June 7) and the public hearing (June 21).

More information can be obtained about the recommendations for point source pollution control by calling 208 planning at 225-5201.

NONPOINT SOURCES

NONPOINT - Indirect pollution, such as storm water runoff, erosion or sedimentation which cannot be traced to a specific location.

The nonpoint source abatement program is presented in terms of 17 sub-areas which are groupings of the sub-watersheds in the 208 area. It is recommended that additional controls not be initiated at this time, but that a monitoring program be developed to define nonpoint problems and determine appropriate action as needed.

This is suggested as a top priority for the next phase of the 208 process.



MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

The final recommendations of the San Antonio area 208 plan discuss area-wide waste treatment management in terms of principal implementation functions. Designations are made for waste treatment management agencies for sewage treatment, sewage collection, nonpoint source management, and the continuing planning agency. The composition of an advisory water quality council is also outlined.

The recommendations of the consultants, APAC, AACOG's Executive Committee, local governments, and the public have determined the make-up of the structure for future areawide waste treatment management.

It is recommended in the final plan that those entities currently performing sewage treatment operations be designated as waste treatment management agencies.

Also, those entities which are now or may in the future collect sewage are designated as management agencies for sewage collection.

The final plan recommends the designation of local governments and the Texas Department of Water Resources as nonpoint source management authorities.

A designation of the Alamo Area Council of Governments as the continuing planning agency has been recommended.

To advise AACOG's Executive Committee on policy decision, a Water Quality Council composed of 24 members is recommended.

The composition of the Council would be:

WATER QUALITY COUNCIL

No.	Description	Selected By
5	San Antonio City Council Members	San Antonio City Council*
1	Municipalities Served By S.A.	San Antonio City Council*
3	Bexar County	Commissioners Court*
1	Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority	CCMA Board*
1	Municipalities Served by CCMA	Chief Elected Officials of Jurisdictions Served
2	San Antonio River Authority	
	1 SARA Downstream	SARA Board*
	1 SARA Bexar Resident	SARA Board*
1	Municipalities Served by SARA	Chief Elected Officials of Jurisdictions Served
1	Waste Treatment Management Agencies (La Vernia, Somerset, Marion, Private Operators)	Chief Elected Officials of Operating Jurisdictions
1	Industrial User San Antonio Manufacturing Association	San Antonio City Council*
1	Texas Soil & Water Conservation	TSWCD Board
1	Edwards Underground Water District (Bexar County Director)	EUWD Board*
1	Federal Installations	Federal Installations
5	Private Citizens	
	1 Public Interest	San Antonio City Council*
	1 Agricultural Interest	Bexar Cty. Commissioners Ct.*
	1 Development Interest	San Antonio City Council *
	1 Business Interest	San Antonio City Council*
	1 Other	San Antonio City Council*

* Upon nomination by the chief elected official of the jurisdiction (e.g., mayor, county judge, chairman of board, etc.)

PROJECTED COSTS FOR THE PROGRAM

Projected point source cost for the San Antonio 208 area is in the range of \$200-250 million. For specific costs, refer to Volume V of the 208 Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan.

Cost for the nonpoint program will be minimal during the next phase of the program because it relies primarily on voluntary action, new data, and mutual cooperation. The principal costs will be for a nonpoint sampling program and coordination with local authorities and other agencies.

The Federal Government finances 75 percent of the capital costs for construction of waste treatment facilities as well as 75 percent of the continuing planning activities of designated agencies. The remaining 25 percent must be vested locally.

SURVEY

The third ascertainment survey, conducted by an independent researcher, revealed that over 43 percent of those polled knew about AACOG's 208 planning program. That is an increase of eight percent over the second survey, which was taken around Christmas.

This increase in awareness of water quality problems shows the subject is an important issue to San Antonio area residents.

DISPLAY

You have one more chance to see the Clean Water Display. The San Antonio Public Library's Main branch is playing host to the Model which has just completed the rounds at local shopping malls. The display also features information materials on the 208 program in the San Antonio area.

Also at the Library, be sure to read the latest additions to the 208 information already on file.