

## The San Antonio/Vista Ridge Pipeline: Regional Considerations of a Potential Municipal Water Supply Project

*Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply is limited and under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.*

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UTSA Main Campus - Main Building Room 0.106

Doors open at 6:30 / Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

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*Texas Tribune Environment Reporter*

**The Vista Ridge Project: Robert R. Puente,**

*President / CEO San Antonio Water System (SAWS)*

**Water Conservation: Dr. Calvin Finch,**

*Texas A&M University Institute of Renewable Natural Resources (retired)*

**Groundwater and Aquifer Science: Dr. Alan Dutton PG,**

*Hydro-geologist and McNutt Distinguished Endowed Professor of Geology at UTSA  
Department of Geological Sciences*

**Land Use and Land Development: Annalisa Peace,**

*Executive Director of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance*

**Large Scale Finance and Rates: Sharlene Leurig,**

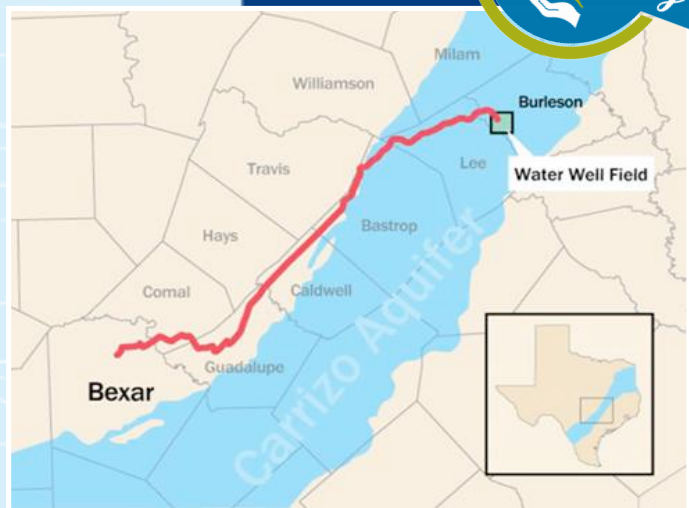
*Director of the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Program at Ceres*

San Antonio Water System (SAWS) enjoys a position of national leadership as a progressive water utility due to its commitment to conservation and innovative sourcing. Despite dramatic population growth in their service area, SAWS has maintained level overall usage rates by instituting world-class conservation measures.

The San Antonio City Council has signed a \$3.4 billion dollar deal to initiate the delivery of almost 16.3 billion gallons of water per year from Bureson County to San Antonio.

The Vista Ridge project requires a 142-mile long pipeline spanning six counties to be built by a Spanish infrastructure company.

What are the potential financial risks and ecological consequences that the Vista Ridge Pipeline will bring to San Antonio and the region? Our panelists will explore the uncharted waters of large-scale water pipeline projects in Texas.



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