

Water for Life Award VI – 2017 – 24 Award Nominees

Round one: Vote for top three choices in order (1st, 2nd, 3rd) (1st gets three points/ 2nd gets two points/ 3rd gets one point) Must vote for three for vote to count. E-mail to Mike Burke/ Due 10.18.17 5pm



Estela Avery Philanthropist - supporter of water, water conservation, and ecological education programming within our region; primarily focused on the San Antonio River and its creeks and headwaters. Seven year Executive Director (rtd) of the San Antonio River Foundation. Top-tier donor (\$750,000) for Confluence Park's construction and Estela Avery Education Endowment.



Becky Cedillo President of Strategic Initiatives, Inc. served as the 2016 Chair of the SA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Early in her career at COSA, she created the Water Conservation program with the City' acceptance of the Water Recycling concept, established the first watering day program for drought response. As SAWS first Chief of Water Resources, she initiated water supply and quality initiatives including Edwards Aquifer protection and conservation.



Lila Cockrell Led the San Antonio River Oversight Committee (the citizens committee on the San Antonio River Improvements Project) for 16 years from 1998 through 2014. It

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is was her tenacity that got the funding for the Museum and Mission reaches secured. Served as SA Mayor 1975-81 and 1989-91.



Carolyn Chipman Evans Founder/ Executive Director of the Cibolo Nature Center & Farm. For 25 years, she has worked to preserve a wild stretch of the Cibolo Creek in Boerne and develop a model nature center.



Calvin Finch Former: Founding Director of the Texas A&M Water Conservation & Technology Center after 20 plus years of water conservation related work. During his 12 years at SAWS he served as Water Conservation Director, Water Resources Director, and Director of Special Programs and Regional Initiatives.



Ted Flato Lake|Flato Architects - Nueces Canyon Headwaters initiative , Confluence Park architects, Headwaters at UIW master plan (The Blue Hole), & Comal headwaters initiative. Focus on low-impact design and sustainability programming and development, ecological and environmental restoration initiatives.



Dr. James Fuller Goliad county SARA Board of Directors, award winning San Antonio River ecosystem and wetlands restorations.



Dr. Ron Green Institute scientist at SwRI. Chairs of the board of the National Cave and Karst Research Institute. (Karst is partially dissolved limestone rock that creates complex underground aquifers characterized by sinkholes, ravines, and other surface features.) He was principal investigator for an SwRI-funded project to design, build, and deploy a neutrally buoyant sensor to remotely map the pathway of karst conduits and measure groundwater flow in them. His invention earned an R&D 100 National Award.



Heriberto "Berto" Guerra Jr. Appointed chair of the SAWS Board of Trustees in 2011. He played a major role in promoting the benefits of the SAWS Vista Ridge water pipeline. He is CEO of Avanzar Interior Technologies GP, LLC. Retired from AT&T as VP legislative and constituency affairs.



Karen Guz Director of Conservation at the San Antonio Water System since 2005. SAWS is a nationally recognized leader in Water conservation. She manages indoor, outdoor, and commercial water conservation programs and ordinances. Created Garden Style and Water Saver programs



Amy Hardberger Asc. Dean School of Law St. Mary's University. A registered professional geoscientist, served as an attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). Was national co-leader for the National Petroleum Council Environmental and Regulatory Section Study, led the partnership with cities and interfaced with Texas state agencies on municipal water conservation policies.



Susan Hughes Executive Director, Green Spaces Alliance 2012-16. Director for Bexar County District 6 since the EEA's beginning in 1996. A strong, consistent proponent for regional collaboration, water quality protection, and advancing scientific knowledge of the Edwards Aquifer.



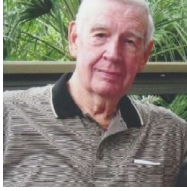
Ken Kramer The Living Waters Award was created to honor his thirty years of service as the Director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club and his special dedication to the issues of water quality and water conservation over the course of his career.



Michael Lackey A principal at Lackey de Carvajal Cx, a firm of LEED-certified energy/water efficiency engineers. He is the current Chair of SARA, past Chair of SA River Foundation, and served on the SAWS board for eight years.



Lyle Larson Texas State Rep. Larson has worked diligently to secure Texas's water future. He has traveled across the state (and in Mexico, Cairo, Israel and Jordan) to meet with individuals involved in water policy and planning. He has visited 49 groundwater conservation districts, 12 river authorities, all large public utilities, and several other municipalities and water districts. He has worked to promote aquifer storage and recovery and interstate cooperation.



Cliff Morton Deceased San Antonio City Manager, His advocacy led to the creation of SAWS. He was a tireless advocate in persuading the Legislature to pass numerous laws which greatly helped our water developments over the past thirty years .



Robert Potts His work at the Dixon Water Foundation, which uses cattle grazing as a tool for managing watersheds, promotes the stewardship of Texas' working lands. Former: Texas director for the Nature Conservancy//General Manager of EAA.

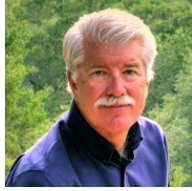


Robert Puente President/CEO of SAWS since 2008. Served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1991 to 2008. Was appointed to the House Natural Resources Committee, which develops water policy for the state. Became its chairman in 2003. As one of the policy pioneers of modern water supply management in Texas, Puente helped shape key landmark regional water issues.



Francine Romero Associate Dean Public Policy UTSA. Researcher & chair of the San Antonio Conservation Advisory Board. Has spent many years researching and recommending conservation policies related to the Edwards Aquifer and water use in Texas.

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Dr. Rudy Rosen Professor and Director of the Institute for Water Resources Science and Technology at TAMUSA. A Fellow of The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University. Nationally acclaimed for his Texas Aquatic Science book, education curriculum and internet offerings.



Greg Rothe Eight year tenure as SARA General Manager and his years of public service in water resource management at GBRA, the Edwards Underground Water District, and SAWS.



Dr. Andrew Sansom Ex. Dir. the River Systems Institute (now Meadows Center) at Texas State U.-San Marcos. Former Ex. Dir. of Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. & the Texas Nature Conservancy. Founder of the TX Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Excellent published works and books on Texas water, nature and history.



Mayor Ivy Taylor for her strong leadership on the critically important SAWS Vista Ridge water pipeline project. Served on San Antonio City Council from 2009-2014.



Judge Nelson Wolff Champion of SA River Museum Reach, Mission Reach and the Bexar County flood control program. As Mayor in 1991, Nelson W. Wolff led the effort to combine three water agencies, the Alamo Water Reuse and Conservation District, the City Water Board, and the San Antonio Waste Water Department into one agency, The San Antonio Water System (SAWS). In 1995, Mayor Nelson W. Wolff and other supporters went back to the legislature and created a 15 member elected Board for the Edwards Aquifer Authority