Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Chair Sheldon at 6:02 pm.
Citizens to be Heard:
Mr. Jack Finger

Presentation and Briefing: 2019 Cost of Service and Rate Design Study – Ms. Cecilia Velasquez

The presentation was provided.

Ms. Ojeda asked if anyone on the Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) represented San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA).
Mr. Ramos replied in order to qualify to serve on the RAC, individuals need to pay a water bill and the majority of SAHA residents live in apartments and SAHA pays the water bill.

Ms. Martinez asked why there was not Chamber representation on the RAC.
Ms. Velasquez replied SAWS staff reached out to all the chambers.
Mr. Evanson added the chambers are part of the SAWS outreach and the chambers are very aware of the RAC process.

Mayor Dennis suggested the issue of representation can be taken up with the SAWS Board. The CAP is not the platform for the discussion. Mayor Dennis continued since they RAC members were approved by the Board, the issue of representation is an issue for the Board.

Ms. Cywinski stated the RAC is not in line with the City of San Antonio because there is no one from the Office of Sustainability. There are no environmental interest represented on the RAC.
Ms. Velasquez replied that for every question received whether it is from a RAC committee member or from the audience, there is a parking lot of questions and answers.

Ms. Cywinski continued it was mentioned revenue stability versus conservation. The variation with revenue has to do with people watering their lawns.
Mr. Evanson replied irrigation is a huge variable. If everyone paid a fixed price, that does not send a strong conservation single.

Chair Sheldon asked if there is any way how SAWS compares to other Texas cities.
Mr. Evanson answered Dallas right now would be the lowest of the five (5) major cities in Texas.

Staff Report: Community Outreach – Mr. Ethan Gonzales and Ms. Celina Alvarez

The presentation was provided.

Mr. Wukasch introduced the SAWS outreach staff.

Ms. Ojeda thanked Mary Jane Villalobos from the affordability group and stated how much she appreciated Ms. Villalobos showing up for the community at an event Ms. Ojeda hosted.
Ms. Cywinski expressed her disappointment that SAWS set-up the booth on the access for the wheelchair ramp at the Pearl during an event. Ms. Alvarez explained SAWS was instructed to set-up at that location but will certainly pay attention to avoid this at future events.

Mayor de Leon asked if SAWS staff attends any of the National Night Out events. Ms. Alvarez replied the SAWS community relations team participates in National Night Out events. Mr. Gonzales stated Mr. Byron Gipson and Ms. Cecilia Picazo are the community relation contacts. Mr. Siebert added CAP members may reach out to him and he would coordinate with the appropriate SAWS staff.

Ms. Martinez complimented SAWS outreach staff on their creative ways to market the water system.

Chair and Vice Chair Report and Discussion on CAP Subcommittees

Chair Sheldon reported on the subcommittees and a changing CAP.

- CAP subcommittee started meeting in December 2016 to discuss the future of the committee when there are no longer water supply projects to benchmark
- With the addition of Vista Ridge on line April 2020, no additional water supply projects planned until the 2040s
- Considering ways to change the CAP with customer experience needs
- CAP created two subcommittees in August
  - CAP benchmarking question review
    - Cancelled, any benchmarking would not take place until at least 2022
  - CAP charter
- The cleanest way to refocus the committee, is to dissolve the CAP and then form a new committee
- The Chair proposed:
  - The CAP remains unchanged going into 2020
  - Begin focusing as a committee in the coming months on putting together a proposal for SAWS Board of Trustees consideration that sunsets the CAP and establishes a new committee
    - Possibly as early as June 2020
    - New committee could start as early as August 2020
      - New committee may focus on analyzing and improving the customer experience
      - Could provide input to the Public Relations Department
      - Still much to be discussed in 2020
  - Mr. Sowards added the biggest benefit of a new committee to him is the outreach to the customer
  - Vice Chair Javier Garcia comments on the CAP was created to help SAWS with water supply projects and with additional projects coming online in 20 years, the committee needs a new dynamic to help SAWS
    - These are all really good ideas and focusing in on the customer experience
Mr. Siebert added the CAP leadership instructed him not to recruit new CAP members for 2020
  - Ms. Cywinski asked about council districts lacking representation on the CAP in 2020
  - Mr. Siebert replied it would be challenging to recruit asking new member to serve for less than one year which is why staff was instructed not to recruit by the CAP leadership
  - The CAP will start 2020 with 18 returning members which is within the CAP bylaws requiring between 16 and 25 members

Approval of Minutes:
Chair Sheldon asked if there were any questions, changes, or motions to the August 2019 meeting minutes.
Ms. Ojeda motioned to approve the minutes.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Lechuga.
The minutes were approved.

Water Resources Report (Steven Siebert):

Edwards Aquifer Level J-17 Index Well
  - The J-17 index well October 15th was at 666.5’
  - August CAP meeting reading was 666.4’
  - The 10-day average is 666.3’
  - The monthly October average is not available on EAA website

H2Oaks Activities
  - ASR storage was 176,633 acre-feet as of October 14th
  - SAWS is currently:
    - Recovering 2.5 mgd from ASR and 8.1 mgd from Local Carrizo to send up the western pipeline
    - Producing 6.5 mgd from the brackish groundwater plant
    - Recharging 4.5 mgd from the eastern pipeline into ASR
2019 Precipitation Totals

- San Antonio received 0.06 inches of rain month to date through October 14th
- This is 1.78” below normal month-to-date
- San Antonio’s year to date rainfall is 16.80”
- Year to date, precipitation is 9.01 inches below normal
- Average rainfall in San Antonio is 32.27 inches

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2020 CAP Selection

- No 2020 CAP Selection
  - Due to consideration of sun setting the committee in 2020, the CAP Chair and Vice Chair instructed Mr. Siebert not to recruit new members for 2020
  - Gloria S. Martinez terms off the CAP after serving six (6) years on the CAP and served six (6) years on the Community Conservation Committee
  - Anita Ledbetter and Steven dean have other commitments and have chosen not to return to the CAP in 2020
  - SAWS will recognize Eddie Meza and Erica Solis as retiring CAP members and recognize in memoriam Carolyn Beverly

Upcoming Events

- Dig This: WaterSaver Coupons are back!
  It may not feel like it, but autumn is right around the corner and that means it’s time to start your fall landscaping plans.

  You can apply for up to four (4) WaterSaver Coupons through October 15th. You must remove at least 200 square feet of grass per coupon. Be creative and combine landscape and PatioScape coupons any way you like to build an inviting outdoor space.

  WaterSaver coupons expire November 11, 2019

- Partners in Conservation Award
  Thursday October 17th
  CAP members were invited
  6-8pm
  San Antonio Botanical Garden

- 2019 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Festival
  October 12 – 20
  [www.texasbutterflyranch.com](http://www.texasbutterflyranch.com)
Next Meeting:
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
6:00pm

Adjournment:
With no further business to discuss, the Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.