

ORDINANCE NO. O-1511

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY ORDERING THE BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE DIRECTOR FROM BEXAR COUNTY AT LARGE, ONE DIRECTOR FROM BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT ONE, ONE DIRECTOR FROM BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT TWO, ONE DIRECTOR FROM WILSON COUNTY, ONE DIRECTOR FROM KARNES COUNTY, ONE DIRECTOR FROM GOLIAD COUNTY AND PROVIDING ALL PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAID ELECTION

Preamble

WHEREAS, the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY is a Conservation and Reclamation District created in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, declared by the Legislature of the State of Texas to be a body politic and corporate, vested with all the authority and full sovereignty of the State insofar as intended by the legislature creating it, to-wit:

Act of May 3, 1937, 45th Leg., R.S., ch. 276, 1937 Tex. Gen. Laws 556; Act of March 24, 1939, 46th Leg., R.S., ch. 9, 1939 Tex. Spec. Laws 1083; Act of March 30, 1953, 53rd Leg., R.S. ch. 60, 1953 Tex. Gen. Laws 82; Act of May 16, 1957, 55th Leg., R.S. ch. 504, 1957 Tex. Gen. Laws 1469; Act of March 18, 1959, 56th Leg., R.S. ch. 37, 1959 Tex. Gen. Laws 78; Act of May 12, 1961, 57th Leg., R.S. ch. 233, 1961 Tex. Gen. Laws 466; Act of May 19, 1969, 61st Leg., R.S., ch. 836, 1969 Tex. Gen. Laws 2488; Act of May 17, 1975, 64th Leg., R.S., ch. 301, 1975 Tex. Gen. Laws 776; Act of May 30, 1975, 64th Leg., R.S., ch. 604, 1975 Tex. Gen. Laws 1893; Act of April 8, 1981, 67th Leg., R.S., ch. 60, 1981 Tex. Gen. Laws 123; Act of May 27, 1987, 70th Leg., R.S., ch. 701, 1987 Tex. Gen. Laws 2568; Act of May 31, 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., ch. 1148, § 15, 2015 Tex. Gen. Laws 3866; Act of May 10, 2023, 88th Leg. R. S. ch. 179, 2023 Tex. Gen. Laws and Tex. Spec. Dists. Code Chapter 8513; and

WHEREAS, Tex. Spec. Dists. Code § 8513.0202 provides:

“Sec. 8513.0202. DIRECTOR ELECTIONS. (a) The authority shall hold an election to elect the appropriate number of directors on the uniform election date in November of each odd-numbered year.

- (b) The placing of the names of the candidates on the ballots shall be determined by lot. A candidate or a designated representative of the candidate may be present at the drawing.
- (c) In the event of a tie for any director position, the winner shall be determined by a majority of the board.
- (d) Directors serving from single-member districts at the time new single-member districts are adopted shall serve for the remainder of the terms to which they were elected regardless of the redistricting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY:

I.

ORDERING THE ELECTION

The Biennial Election is ordered and shall be held in Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing by plurality vote, one (1) Director at large from Bexar County, one (1) Director from Bexar County District One, one (1) Director from Bexar County District Two, one (1) Director at large from Wilson County, one (1) Director at large from Karnes County and one (1) Director at large from Goliad County.

The Directors so elected will serve on the Board of Directors to succeed each of the following named Directors whose term shall expire December 31, 2025:

Patrice A. Melancon	Bexar County, At Large
Jerry G. Gonzales	Bexar County, District One
Lourdes Galvan	Bexar County, District Two
Derek J. Gaudlitz	Wilson County, At Large
Gaylon J. Oehlke	Karnes County, At Large
James Fuller M.D.	Goliad County, At Large

II.

APPLICATIONS FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Candidates for the office of Director must be over the age of twenty-one (21) years, reside within the District and within the county from which they are to be elected and possess the qualifications of a juror. Candidates for the office of Director shall file their applications

to have their names placed on the ballot to be used in the election. Such applications shall be received at the general office of the San Antonio River Authority (hereinafter RIVER AUTHORITY), 100 E. Guenther Street, San Antonio, Texas, during normal working hours, beginning on July 19, 2025 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2025. Each application shall be accompanied with a loyalty affidavit, as required by law and a filing fee of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) or a petition of one hundred qualified voters of the county in which the candidate resides. There shall be a drawing of lots for the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballot, and the drawing shall be by the Secretary of the Board or his designee and take place at the general offices of the RIVER AUTHORITY at 100 E. Guenther Street, San Antonio, Texas. Such drawing shall be held after the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot has passed, and each candidate or his or her representative may be present.

III.

NOTICE OF THE ELECTION

The Secretary of the Board or his designee shall prepare a Notice of Election in the form required by the Election Code and any other applicable law. Notice of the election shall be given by posting a copy of the Notice of Election not later than the 21st day before the election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the RIVER AUTHORITY. Notice of the election shall also be given by publishing said Notice of Election not earlier than the 30th day before the election and not later than the 10th day before the election in a newspaper of general circulation in Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties. The Board of Directors finds that the San Antonio Express News is a newspaper of general circulation in Bexar County, the Wilson County News is a newspaper of general circulation in Wilson County, the Karnes Countywide is a newspaper of general circulation in Karnes County and the Goliad Advance-Guard is a newspaper of general circulation in Goliad County. A copy of the Notice of Election shall be transmitted to the Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad County Clerks and Elections Administrators.

IV.

VOTING

Voting in the Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad County areas of the RIVER AUTHORITY shall be conducted as follows:

A. Bexar County Area. Voting in Bexar County at said election, including the casting of Early Voting ballots, shall be conducted as provided in the Texas Election Code, this ordinance and other applicable provisions of the law and the form of the official ballots and sample ballots shall be as prescribed in the Texas Election Code and other application provisions of the law. The Bexar County Elections Administrator, 1103 S. Frio St., Suite 200, San Antonio, Texas 78207, is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. The polls for early voting will open October 20, 2025, and close on October 31, 2025, on days and at hours determined by the Bexar County Elections

Administrator. The polls on Election Day shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. November 4, 2025. The Early Voting ballots cast at such election shall be cast at an Early Voting polling place located in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code, insofar as is consistent with the provisions herein, or by designated locations, dates and hours throughout the Bexar County area as designated by the Bexar County Elections Administrator. All ballots cast shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code.

B. Wilson County Area. Voting in Wilson County at said election, including the casting of Early Voting ballots, shall be conducted as provided in the Texas Election Code, this ordinance and other applicable provisions of the law and the form of the official ballots and sample ballots shall be as prescribed in the Texas Election Code and other applicable provisions of the law. The Wilson County Election Administrator, 1103 4th Street, Building B, Suite 101, Floresville, Texas 78114 is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. The polls for early voting will open October 20, 2025 and close October 31, 2025, on days and at hours determined by the Wilson County Election Administrator. The polls on election day shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025. The Early Voting ballots in the Wilson County area at such election shall be cast at an Early Voting polling place located in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code, insofar as is consistent with the provisions herein, or by designated locations, dates and hours throughout Wilson County as designated by the Wilson County Election Administrator. All ballots shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code. Early Voting ballots cast by mail shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code.

C. Karnes County Area. Voting in Karnes County at said election, including the casting of Early Voting ballots, shall be conducted as provided in the Texas Election Code, this ordinance and other applicable provisions of the law and the form of the official ballots and sample ballots shall be as prescribed in the Texas Election Code and other applicable provisions of the law. The Karnes County Elections Administrator, 210 W. Calvert, Suite 140, Karnes City, Texas 78118 is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. The polls for early voting will open October 20, 2025 and close October 31, 2025, on days and at hours determined by the Karnes County Clerk. The polls on election day shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025. The Early Voting ballots in the Karnes County area at such election shall be cast at an Early Voting polling place located in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code, insofar as is consistent with the provisions herein, or by designated locations, dates and hours throughout Karnes County as designated by the Karnes County Elections Administrator. All ballots shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code. Early Voting ballots cast by mail shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code.

D. Goliad County Area. Voting in Goliad County at said election, including the casting of Early Voting ballots, shall be conducted as provided in the Texas Election Code, this ordinance and other applicable provisions of the law and the form of the official ballots and sample ballots shall be as prescribed in the Texas Election Code and other applicable provisions of the law. The Goliad County Election Administrator, 329 W. Franklin Street, Goliad, Texas 77963 is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. The polls for early voting will open on October 20, 2025 and close October 31, 2025, on days and at hours determined by the Goliad County Election Administrator. The polls

on election day shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025. The Early Voting ballots in the Goliad County area at such election shall be cast at an Early Voting polling place located in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code, insofar as is consistent with the provisions herein, or by designated locations, dates and hours throughout Goliad County as designated by the Goliad County Election Administrator. All ballots shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code. Early Voting ballots cast by mail shall be cast in the manner provided by the Texas Election Code.

V.

POLLING PLACES FOR VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

The election for Directors in Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties shall be held at the election precincts and polling places designated by the election officials of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties.

VI.

RETURNS

The election shall be conducted in the Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties areas and the ballots counted and votes tabulated and returns made as provided in this ordinance and the Texas Election Code to the Board of Directors.

VII.

CONDUCT OF ELECTION

Except to the extent same shall be inconsistent with the provisions of the Act creating the RIVER AUTHORITY and this Ordinance, this election shall be conducted, and the results thereof determined as provided in the Texas Election Code.

VIII.

ELECTION JUDGES

The Board of Directors of the RIVER AUTHORITY hereby appoints as presiding judges and alternate judges for the election precincts, those persons designated for such offices by the Commissioners Courts of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties. The clerks to serve in each polling place shall be appointed by the presiding judges of each polling place. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is authorized and directed to issue Writs of Election to, or cause or arrange to give notice to, the presiding judge of each polling place that shall constitute notice to such judge of his or her duty to hold said election; and the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the General

Manager or his designee are authorized and directed to take such other action as may be necessary to insure that the election for Directors of the RIVER AUTHORITY from Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties is fairly held and the ballots and returns properly counted and tabulated for the canvass by the Board of Directors.

IX.

OFFICER'S OATH

It is ordered that the officers of such election named as hereinabove provided shall take the Oath prescribed by law in the State of Texas.

X.

WRIT OF ELECTION

The delivery of a true copy of this Ordinance to the Bexar County Judge shall constitute a Writ of Election and shall constitute due notice to said Election Officials of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad County of their duty to hold the election herein called and such notice shall be delivered not later than publication of the General Notice of Election, as provided in Article III above.

XI.

CANVASSING OF RETURNS

At a special Board Meeting following the election in November, the Board of Directors shall canvass the returns of the election and record the returns in the minutes of the RIVER AUTHORITY.

XII.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO ELECTED DIRECTORS

Following the canvass of the results of the election as provided in Paragraph XI above, the Chairman of this Board shall deliver a certificate of election to the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in Bexar County, Bexar County District One, Bexar County District Two, Wilson County, Karnes County and Goliad County. Each of such certificates shall state the office to which such candidate has been elected, and the day on which such election was held.

XIII.

ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS

The General Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to provide, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for preparation and arrangement of ballots and voting systems and other election supplies; to enter into an election service contract, as necessary, with the appropriate election officials in Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties; and to coordinate with the Commissioners Court, County Judge, County Clerk and Election Officials of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties, and with officials and representatives of other appropriate governmental subdivisions and agencies which may be holding an election on the same date for which this election is ordered. The General Manager or his designee is authorized also to expend from the general funds of the RIVER AUTHORITY such sums as are necessary to pay for the costs and expenses of holding the election herein ordered.

XIV.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

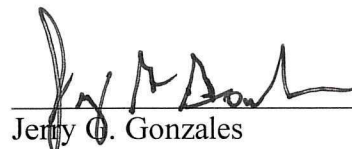
The schedule of events required to effect the election of Directors specified herein, is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the list of current Directors, showing their place and term of office, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of June 2025.



Jim Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST:



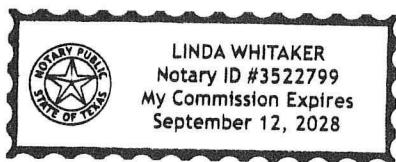
Jerry G. Gonzales

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY OF BEXAR §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jim Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated, and as the act and deed of said political subdivision.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 18th day of June 2025.



Linda K Whitaker

Linda K. Whitaker, Notary Public

In and for the State of Texas

My commission expires: 9/12/2028

EXHIBIT A
2025 BIENNIAL ELECTION CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY
June 18	SARA Board of Directors meeting; adopt ordinance calling the 2025 Biennial Election on November 4, 2025
June 20	Deliver ordinance calling Biennial Election to the Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad County Clerks
June 20	Post notice of the filing period in a public place in the River Authority's administrative office building
July 19	First day to file an application for a place on the ballot
August 1	Finalize contract with Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties to conduct election
August 18	Last day to file an application for a place on the ballot
August 19	Last day to order the election
August 22	Last day to file declaration of write-in candidacy
August 22	Provide notice of the date, hour and place of the drawing to determine lots for a place on the ballot to each candidate, post notice of same
August 26	Draw lots for a place on the ballot for the election
August 27	Deliver official copy of the ballot to the Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad County election officials
September 16	Mandatory office hours begin, open at least three hours each day, during regular office hours, on regular business days
September 17	SARA Board of Directors meeting; Board action by ordinance to declare unopposed candidates elected if applicable
October 5	First day to publish notice of election in newspaper listing early voting and election day polling place locations
October 20	First day of early voting in person
October 25	Last day to publish notice of election
October 31	Last day of early voting in person
November 4	Election Day
November 7	First day to conduct canvass of returns
November 10	Special Board meeting to conduct canvass of returns
November 17	Last day to conduct the canvass of returns
December 15	Mandatory office hours end
January 12	Special Board meeting date and the first Board meeting after the start of the new Directors term of office; new Directors must first sign the statement of officer, then the oath of office and then begin to act as a Director

EXHIBIT B
DIRECTORS AND TERMS OF OFFICE


DIRECTORS	COUNTY	TERM
Jerry G. Gonzales	Bexar Dist. 1	Nov. 2019 through Dec. 2025
Lourdes Galvan	Bexar Dist. 2	Nov. 2019 through Dec. 2025
Michael W. Lackey, P.E.	Bexar Dist. 3	Nov. 2021 through Dec. 2027
Jim Campbell	Bexar Dist. 4	Nov. 2021 through Dec. 2027
Liza Barratachea	Bexar At Large	Jan. 2024 through Dec. 2027
Patrice A. Melancon	Bexar At Large	Jan. 2024 through Dec. 2025
John Yochem, Jr.	Goliad At Large	Aug. 2024 through Dec. 2027
James Fuller M.D.	Goliad At Large	Nov. 2019 through Dec. 2025
Gaylon J. Oehlke	Karnes At Large	Nov. 2019 through Dec. 2025
H.B. Ruckman, III	Karnes At Large	Nov. 2021 through Dec. 2027
Dominic Carvajal	Wilson At Large	Nov. 2021 through Dec. 2027
Derek J. Gaudlitz	Wilson At Large	Nov. 2019 through Dec. 2025

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a duplicate original of Ordinance No.O-1511 of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY as passed and approved by the members of said Board at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said AUTHORITY held on June 18, 2025, in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, at which a quorum was present, as shown by the minutes of said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and the official seal of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY on this the 18th day of June 2025, in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.



Jerry G. Gonzales, Secretary