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The San Antonio Water Supply Company came into being in 1905 when George Kobusch of St. Louis bought the San Antonio Water Works company from George Brackenridge. Kobusch later sold the business to a Belgian syndicate, when it was known as "Compagnie des Eaux de San Antonio" and was managed by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company of St. Louis, Missouri. In 1920, the Belgian syndicate sold the company to local investors. In 1924, the City purchased the system with seven million dollars in revenue bonds. On June 1, 1925, the utility became known as the City Water Board (CWB) and its management was placed under a Board of Trustees appointed by the City Council. The same year that the City Water Board was established, the City of San Antonio began preparations for the construction of a sewage treatment plant and modernization of the water utility.

During the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's, population growth spurred expansion of both the water and wastewater systems. Throughout much of this period and later, the City Water Board was involved in negotiations or court actions involving attempts to construct and secure supplemental water supply. Eventually, competing water agencies prompted the City Council to vote in December, 1991 to establish a single utility responsible for water, wastewater, storm water, and reuse. The San Antonio Water System (SAWS), was created on May 19, 1992. SAWS was formed by the consolidation of three predecessor agencies: the City Water Board (the previous city-owned water supply utility); the City Wastewater Department (a department of the city government responsible for sewage collection and treatment); and the Alamo Water Conservation and Reuse District (an independent city agency created to develop a system for reuse of the city's treated wastewater).

Source: *History & Chronology*. San Antonio Water System web site. Retrieved January 2, 2011 from <http://www.saws.org/who_we_are/history/index.cfm>

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection consists of various types of financial reports and studies, subject files, legal files relating to bonds, ordinances and city council files pertaining to the city water board.

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Persons:

Cisneros, Henry.
Cockrell, Lila.
San Martin, Jose, Jr.
Van Dyke, Robert P.

Organizations:

San Antonio City Water Board.
San Antonio City Council.
San Antonio Water System (Tex.)

Subjects:

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