

02-12-2020

Phillip David Haskett  
P.O. Box 1941 – Mailing Address  
142 Fifteenth Street  
League City, TX 77574  
832-245-0834

Andrew Miller  
Public Information Officer  
San Leon Municipal Utility District  
443 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Leon, TX 77539

### **Texas Public Information Act Request**

Mr. Miller,

This request to the San Leon Municipal Utilities District (hereinafter the “District”) for public information is made pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 552, Subchapter A, Sect. 552.001, et sec. (hereinafter the “TPIA”).

I request that the items listed below be provided in digital PDF format if so created or maintained in that format.

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, as amended, please provide the following public records:

1. A copy of the “Trash Collection Questionnaire” referenced in the most recent “San Leon MUD Update” published in the Sea Breeze News dated February 6, 2020.
2. A copy of the mailing list for this questionnaire.
3. A copy of any spreadsheet or tally of the results, including the names and addresses of the respondents thereto.
4. A copy of each “San Leon MUD Update” published since January 1, 2014.
5. A ledger showing all payments to the Sea Breeze News by the District since publication of the “San Leon MUD Update” or similar public notice began.

I can be reached at the telephone number listed above. Please advise when these records will be available for pick up at your offices.

Sincerely,

*Original Signature on File*

Phillip David Haskett

# San Leon MUD Update



## Trash and Recycling Service Update

In late 2016, the subject of including district-wide trash and recycling service on the monthly water bill was discussed in several District meetings.

A district-wide questionnaire was mailed out to survey if the community was interested in such a proposal, and with a majority response in favor, the District set out to engage proposals from vendors. In November 2016, vendors presented contracts for trash service and the Board elected to engage Decker Dispose-All. Over the past few years, they have served the community well, but as their contract was nearing completion the District evaluated their renewal contract as well as two other bids. After researching the companies and checking several references from existing customers, the Board determined that Texas Pride Disposal provided the best option as it offered the same service schedule and manner of pickup while locking in prices that match our existing contract for a five-year term. This will result in stable prices for the community over the coming years.

Decker will be picking up their trash and recycling bins in the coming weeks, with Texas Pride slated to deliver their trash and recycling bins as they prepare to begin service. The District will be sure to maintain clear communication with the community throughout the upcoming weeks, utilizing Blackboard and additional mailers as necessary to ensure complete confidence during the transition period.

## Dates to Remember

February 2 – Groundhog Day

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 17 – Presidents' Day

February 19, 6:30 PM

Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)



SAN LEON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
443 24TH STREET  
SAN LEON, TEXAS 77539  
281-339-1586 FAX: 281-339-1587  
EMAIL ADDRESS: [slmud1@slmud.org](mailto:slmud1@slmud.org)  
WEB PAGE: [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

April 17, 2020

Phillip David Haskett  
P.O. Box 1941  
League City, TX 77574

Dear Mr. Haskett:

We have received your records request under the Texas Public Information Act, dated February 12, 2020. As previously communicated with you, we work to respond to all open records requests while still maintaining our day-to-day operations with our limited staff, so I appreciate the patience you've exhibited as we've worked towards fulfilling this request. Your request is outlined below, along with our responses and supporting documentation.

1. A copy of the "Trash Collection Questionnaire" referenced in the most recent "San Leon MUD Update" published in the Sea Breeze News dated February 6, 2020.
  - a. Attached.
2. A copy of the mailing list for this questionnaire
  - a. The mailing list was generated from within our billing software and directly printed onto mailing labels; as such, the requested document is not in our files.
3. A copy of any spreadsheet or tally of the results, including the names and addresses of the respondents thereto.
  - a. Attached are the minutes from the meeting showing the results of the survey.
4. A copy of each "San Leon MUD Update" published since January 1, 2014.
  - a. Attached are the copies we have on file.
5. A ledger showing all payments to the Sea Breeze News by the District since publication of the "San Leon MUD Update" or similar public notice began.
  - a. Attached.

If you have any additional questions regarding the matter, please let me know and I will do my best to work with you to come to a satisfying conclusion for your inquiry.

Sincerely,



Andrew Miller  
District Manager  
San Leon MUD

## SAN LEON MUD

## Garbage Pick-up Survey

---

Please let us know if you would be **For** or **Against** a monthly charge on your water bill.

Pick-ups will be twice a week, which includes one heavy trash day pick-up per week.

The estimated charge would be from \$15 to \$19 per month.

\_\_\_\_\_ **FOR** - Monthly trash pickup on your water bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST** – Monthly trash pickup on your water bill.

**For this survey to Count We Need:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this survey by November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 ---- Thank you.**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
SAN LEON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

§  
§  
§

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

The Board of Directors of the San Leon Municipal Utility District met in Special Meeting, open to the public, Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the District's regular meeting place at the District Office, 443 24th Street, San Leon, Texas. Constituting a quorum, the following duly-elected members of the Board were present, to-wit:

Joe Manchaca, President

Julie Hall, Secretary

Kelly Neason, Assistant Secretary

Tyson Kennedy, Vice President

Kenneth Bishop, Director

Also present were Janice Hoffman, Office Manager, Ken Keller, Field Superintendent, and Steve DonCarlos, District's Attorney.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Discuss, Consider and Approve the Trash Vendor for the District:**

J. Manchaca started the discussion regarding the trash vendors. T. Kennedy wanted to know what the final outcome on the census sent out to the residents. There were 523 for, 195 against and after the deadline on the 21<sup>st</sup> there were maybe 100 or more, but those were not counted. There were discussions regarding the commercial trash service. There were discussions regarding recycling. J. Manchaca stated the service will be for residential only; the commercial accounts will not be included. There were two (2) commercial customers at the meeting that had comments regarding the trash service. Tyson Kennedy made a motion to approve Decker as the District's Mandatory Trash Collection Service for the next three (3) years, based on the 73% positive response from the voters in San Leon to start in February 2017 billing, seconded by Julie Hall. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Ken Bishop made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm, seconded by Julie Hall. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Approved:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Manchaca  
President, Board of Directors

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Hall  
Secretary, Board of Directors

# San Leon MUD Update



There was some discussion of undeveloped property at last month's meeting. As a reminder, the moratorium on developments that would heavily contribute to the sewer plant is still in effect as we continue to work to increase the facility's capacity to handle additional influent. While we're looking forward to additional growth in San Leon, we need to be patient as we work through our capital improvement plan to allow for said growth. We're currently in the design phase of expanding our sewer plant as well as relocating controls for our water plant to be housed inside the elevated storage tank, so exciting!

An update from the January freeze: we had nearly 70 connections we isolated water lines for due to ruptured pipes. Don't forget to properly insulate the lines coming into your house as well as leaving a slight trickle of water on overnight during extreme conditions to ensure you don't make the list next time the temperature dips!

## Spotlight on: Andrew Miller

Andrew is the new district manager for San Leon. He has 7 years of experience in the industry and holds a C license in both wastewater and groundwater from the TCEQ. His wife of 7 years, Ruth, stays at home with their four kids: Natalie (6), James (5), Silas (3), and Luna (5 months).

## Dates to Remember

- March 20, 6:30 PM  
Inaugural Quarterly Town Hall  
at the San Leon Fire Department
- March 21, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Quarterly Town Hall Recap

March 20<sup>th</sup> saw nearly 70 residents from the community come together for the quarterly town hall meeting. Our county commissioner for Precinct 1, the Honorable Darrell Appfel, was in attendance and addressed several concerns voiced by the public, such as drainage & maintenance in the ditches, mosquito spraying, as well as the procedure for reporting abandoned, derelict homes.

Fire Chief Jeff Pittman brought up the lack of first responders available during the day due to many of the volunteers having day jobs. He also pointed out that the volume of calls coming into the station has exponentially grown over the years to nearly match what many incorporated areas handle with a much larger department. Discussion was had on how to supplement the existing staff to aid with fire coverage, as well as ways to get involved at the county level with the EMS budget to increase the number of ambulances available to the area. Chief also discussed the preventative measures that have been instated to ensure transparency and security of the fire department's operating account. Lastly, Andrew Miller was introduced as a point person for any district-related questions and concerns, including topics that the public might want discussed at the next town hall.

## Dates to Remember

April 17 – TAXES DUE!!!

April 18, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

April 26 – National Take Our  
Daughters & Sons To Work Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



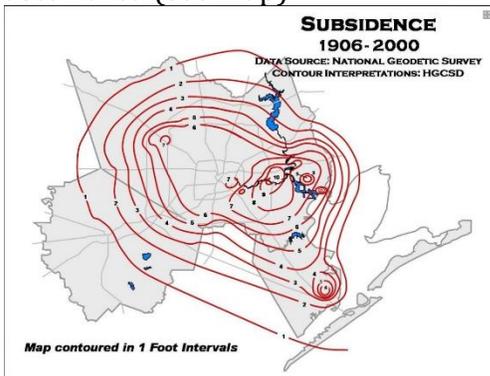
Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Groundwater vs. Surface Water

Surface water is water that's found on the surface of the planet, such as in rivers, lakes, or oceans. Groundwater is water held underground in the soil or in the pores and crevices in rock. So what's the big deal? Well, there has been a shift in recent years to more efficiently utilize the state's surface water due to significant subsidence, especially in the greater Houston area (see map).



Subsidence is the gradual sinking of an area, in this case caused by the amount of water drawn out of the ground exceeding the amount of water being redeposited into the ground. By switching to surface water, we allow the hydrologic cycle to replenish the aquifers underground, mitigate subsidence, and prevent more serious flooding due to the decreased elevation of the area. Everyone wins with surface water!

*For a great video describing groundwater, check this out:  
<http://bit.ly/SLWater>*

## Dates to Remember

May 13: Mother's Day

May 16, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

May 28: Memorial Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month

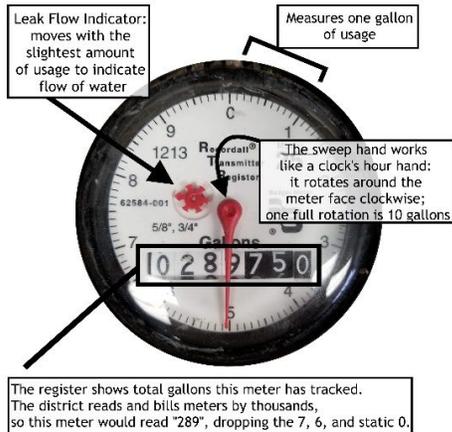


Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



Curious about how your meters are read? San Leon has electronic meters that store your usage on an hourly basis that are then gathered by our meter readers with special equipment. However, you can always track your usage yourself or check to see if you have any leaks. Just open your meter box and make a note of date and time of the read based on the image below.



If you take another read at the same time on another day, you can subtract the two numbers to see how many gallons of water you used during that time. As always, if you have any questions about your usage, don't hesitate to contact the office and we'll be more than happy to assist you with figuring out your usage trends.

**Spotlight on: Ken Keller**  
Ken is the field superintendent for San Leon. He has 28 years of experience in the industry, 22 of which have been with San Leon! He holds a C license in both wastewater treatment and water distribution from the TCEQ.

Dates to Remember  
June 19, 6 :30 pm  
Quarterly Town Hall Meeting  
June 20, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Rising Cost of Water

In a recent Daily News article, the Gulf Coast Water Authority projected a 7% increase in their costs to processing the surface water much of Galveston County receives, including San Leon. Water is a precious resource that's often taken for granted, but with increased temperatures, decreased rainfall, and continued population growth in the Texas, we're seeing increased costs across the board as we strive to provide the best quality of water for the growing demand.

## A Couple of Reminders

Please update our office if you intend to connect an RV to your home's water or sewer service. While not disallowed, there are certain requirements (such as permits and updating your account in our database) that must be followed-- in order to connect an RV to your home's service connections.

Every Saturday is big trash day, plus there are special collection days coming up July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (compliments of Galveston County & County Commissioner Darrel Apffel) at the Bayshore Park, so be sure to get that spring cleaning done!

## Spotlight on: Duran Fuentes

Duran is one of our field technicians. He has nearly 5 years' experience in the industry, over 3 of which have been with San Leon! He holds C licenses in wastewater treatment, ground water treatment, and water distribution from the TCEQ.

## Dates to Remember

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

July 18, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

July 13, 8 AM – 5 PM  
July 14, 8 AM - Noon  
Heavy Trash Collection at  
Bayshore Park

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Summer Heat & Water Usage

As we continue to experience record breaking temperatures and drought conditions throughout the state, remember to be smart about when and how you use your water:

- Don't leave the hose running while washing your car or boat.
- Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening, not during the heat of the day.
- Check faucets and toilets to make sure there are no leaks. Even a slow leak can contribute thousands of gallons to your bill each month!

## Great News!

One of the ways we measure the integrity of our distribution system is to track how much water we produce or purchase in comparison to how much water we bill to residents. This lets us know if there are any leaks or areas of concern where the water is not properly getting to the community. Our accountability has consistently been above 95%, which is superb for a district of our size and age!

## Spotlight on: Mike Dillon

Mike is one of our wastewater plant operators. He has been with San Leon for 20 years, 17 years as foreman for our backhoe crew and 3 years in the wastewater plant. He holds C licenses in wastewater treatment, ground water treatment, and water distribution from the TCEQ.

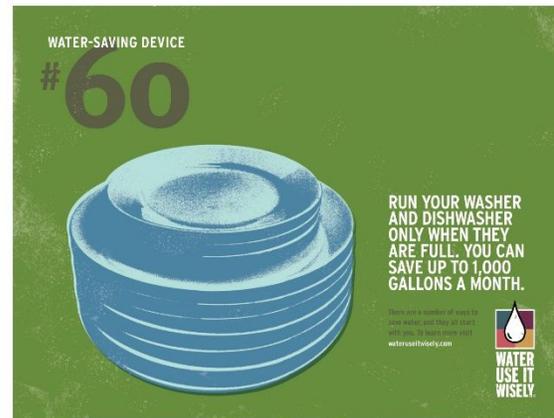
## Dates to Remember

August 2: Purple Heart Day

August 15, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

August 27: Lyndon B. Johnson Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Upcoming Rate Change

Due to significant increases in our operating costs over the past few years, San Leon MUD is having to increase water and sewer service rates for the first time in nearly five years. The new rates will be mailed out to every resident and will be going into effect for the bills in October, which is for August consumption as the office bills in arrears.

## Bulk Trash & Recycling Reminder

Bulk item pickup is included in the weekly trash service, so bring your dressers, couches, chairs, mattresses, beds, and other large items to the end of your driveway every Saturday to have them hauled off!

Recycling is also included in our trash service and is picked up every other Thursday. An 18-gallon recycling bin is available to every resident, though Decker will also pick up from any container so long as it's clearly marked "Recycling".

## Spotlight on: Halston Tucker

Halston is one of our wastewater plant operators. He has been with San Leon for over 6 years, with several years as foreman for our backhoe crew and most recently in the wastewater plant. He holds C licenses in wastewater treatment, ground water treatment, and water distribution from the TCEQ.

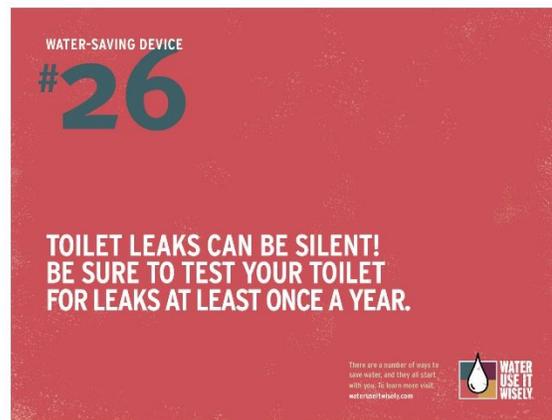
## Dates to Remember

September 4 – Labor Day

September 18, 6:30 PM  
Quarterly Town Hall at the  
San Leon Fire Department

September 19, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Galveston County Mosquito Control

Galveston County has a fleet of vehicles that are deployed throughout the county to spray for mosquitos. If you have any questions regarding spraying schedule or want to request spraying in your area, you can call them at 800.842.5622 or visit their website to see maps of the locations they've recently sprayed as well as where they intend to spray next.

## Property Address Reminder

Part of San Leon's rate order requires that all residential and commercial buildings in the district have the property address posted on the building. The letters and numbers used to mark addresses should be at least three inches high and should be placed on the building so they are visible from the street. This is to the residents' benefit as well since any EMS responders will be better able to locate your property with the address visible.

## Spotlight on: Leo Smith

Leo is one of our field technicians. He has been with San Leon for over 4 years, helping maintain the integrity of our distribution and collection system. He is a veteran of the Navy and holds a D licenses in water operations from the TCEQ.

## Dates to Remember

October 8 – Columbus Day

October 17, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

October 31 – Halloween

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## **Resolution Extending Moratorium**

At the September meeting for the San Leon MUD, the verbiage for our development moratorium was updated to clarify the types of development that are subject to the moratorium as well as a detailed outline of the steps necessary to petition for development that are beyond the scope of a traditional single-family dwelling. The updated moratorium is available at the San Leon MUD office as well as at the Galveston County permits office.

## **District Rate Order Compliance**

San Leon's rate order has more than just information on the water rates! There are several outlined regulations, such as the house numbers mentioned in last month's article, an expectation that the meter box be accessible and free of debris, and even specific rules regarding RV hookups. Compliance is paramount, for your safety and ours, and fines may be levied in the event of non-compliance. A copy of the rate order is available at the office and at our website, [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

## **Spotlight on: Josh Macias**

Josh is the newest member of our field technicians. He started in August and is assisting Anthony with the day-to-day operations in the distribution and collection systems.

## **Dates to Remember**

November 12 – Veterans Day

November 21, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

November 22 – Thanksgiving

## **Conservation Tip of the Month**



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Summary of Development Moratorium

*All commercial multi-family, recreational vehicle, mobile home or other developments providing multiple single-family residences or rental properties shall each be evaluated separately in order to determine whether the moratorium will prevent the projects' connection to the District's wastewater system during the duration of the moratorium.*

*Each project, including specific plans and engineering drawings, shall be presented to the District's General Manager and Field Supervisor for review and decision. If the General Manager and Field Supervisor approve the application for service, the application shall be presented to the Board of Directors for review at its next available meeting date. The Board of Directors shall have the final right to approve or disapprove each project until the moratorium is lifted by action of the Board.*

*Nothing herein shall release the applicant from the obligation to secure all necessary Galveston County permits for any project within the District. All necessary permits shall be required to be presented to the District with the application for service.*

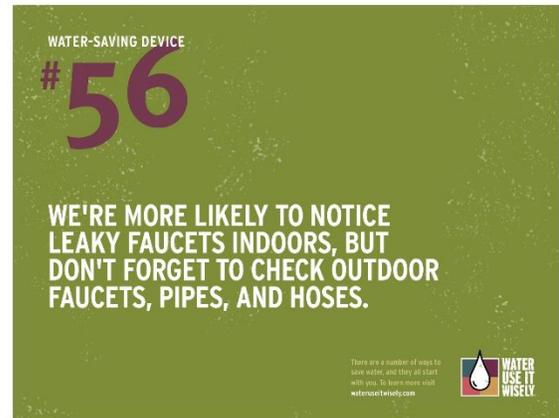
## Dates to Remember

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

December 19, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

December 25 – Christmas Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. They're now being held at the San Leon Fire Department. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



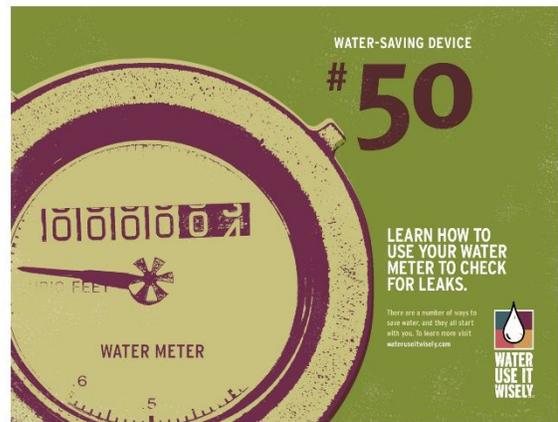
## How Do Municipal Bonds Work?

Infrastructure planning and upgrades have substantial costs associated with them. From engineering costs and permitting to materials and labor, many improvements to the district’s system can cost millions of dollars. Where does this money come from? Part of the powers given to utility districts is the ability to sell bonds on the open market in order to finance these larger projects. These bonds work similar to a line of credit: we receive a rating based on our credit worthiness and entities bid on our requested bond amount. The full value of the bond may or may not be leveraged immediately, but it establishes a maximum amount the district is allowed to use for a specific set of infrastructure needs as part of our capital improvement plan. As the district begins to utilize the funds available, debt is incurred and the district’s taxes are used to cover the debt service owed. As San Leon continues to grow, the infrastructure needs grow as well, and the district may start reviewing our long-term financial status to determine if additional bonds are necessary to promote the district’s well-being.

## Dates to Remember

- January 1 – New Year’s Day
- January 15, 6:30 PM  
Quarterly Town Hall at the San Leon Fire Department
- January 16, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the San Leon Fire Department
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don’t forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Upcoming Bond Election

After considering the current state of the district and discussing future growth, the board unanimously agreed at their public meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> that a bond vote should be held in the community this upcoming May. As described in the article last month, infrastructure planning and upgrades have substantial costs that are financed through bonds, which act as lines of credit for designated projects. The value of the bond establishes a maximum amount the district is allowed to use & as the district utilizes the funds available, debt is incurred and the district's taxes are used to cover the debt service owed. With the projected growth of the district to soon surpass the existing infrastructure capacity, future bonds will facilitate the expansion of our wastewater plant as well as update the aging water and wastewater infrastructure, much of which is original to the district and dates back to the 70s and 80s. As we draw nearer to the bond election, the district will be hosting public meetings to discuss the valuation and purpose of the bonds as well as answer any questions the community may have.

## Dates to Remember

- February 2 – Groundhog Day
- February 14 – Valentine's Day
- February 18 – President's Day
- February 20, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

## Conservation Tip of the Month

A teal-colored advertisement for a water-saving device. It features the text "WATER-SAVING DEVICE" at the top, followed by a large "#61". Below this, it says "SEE HOW YOUR WATER USE STACKS UP TO OTHERS BY CALCULATING YOUR DAILY WATER USE." At the bottom right, there is a small logo for "WATER USE IT WISELY" and a website address "waterpactwv.com".

WATER-SAVING DEVICE  
#61  
SEE HOW YOUR WATER USE STACKS UP TO OTHERS BY CALCULATING YOUR DAILY WATER USE.  
There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you. To learn more visit: [waterpactwv.com](http://waterpactwv.com)  
WATER USE IT WISELY

Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Upcoming Bond Election

During February’s meeting, the MUD discussed how our capital improvement plan & the upcoming bond election work together by considering what the district will need to sustain itself and grow & then estimating the costs for those projects as part of the overall bond. This proposed bond will provide an expanded wastewater treatment plant that will be able to handle the growth and development of San Leon for the next 15 to 20 years, upgrade many of our 2” water lines that have been a hindrance on tap capacity and development, continued rehabilitation and replacement of our sewer system that is in desperate need of modernization to reduce the rainwater and groundwater that’s seeping into the system, as well as improvements at our facilities to increase efficiency. The MUD will be holding town hall meetings leading up to the election to inform the community about the proposed projects and costs, as well as answer any questions or concerns the public may have. As always, our district manager Andrew is more than happy to sit with anyone during office hours and discuss whatever you'd like regarding the operation of the district, how the infrastructure works, or any concern you may have, be that with your bill or with the bond.

## Dates to Remember

- March 5 – Mardi Gras
- March 10 – Daylight Savings Time
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- March 20, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the San Leon Fire Department

## Conservation Tip of the Month

WATER-SAVING DEVICE  
**#42**

**ONE DRIP EVERY SECOND ADDS UP TO FIVE GALLONS PER DAY!  
CHECK YOUR FAUCETS AND SHOWERHEADS FOR LEAKS.**

There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you. To learn more visit [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

**WATER USE IT WISELY**

Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Upcoming Bond Election

Over the past few months, the District has been working closely with our engineer and financial advisor to fine tune the projects and costs associated with the proposed bond. The following schedule covers the next ten to fifteen years of the District’s capital improvement plan and will facilitate the continued growth of San Leon while being sensitive to the tax impacts of incurring additional bond debt.

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Wastewater Treatment Plant                          |                     |
| Expansion to 1.90 MGD                               | \$16,625,000        |
| New 48” Outfall Line                                | \$462,500           |
| Sanitary Sewer                                      |                     |
| Phase III Rehabilitation                            | \$1,950,000         |
| Phase IV Rehabilitation                             | \$1,950,000         |
| Lift Stations                                       |                     |
| Lift Station D Conversion to Submersible Type       | \$430,000           |
| Lift Station A Conversion to Submersible Type       | \$500,000           |
| Proposed Lift Station                               | \$550,000           |
| Lift Station F Conversion to Submersible Type       | \$500,000           |
| Water   |                     |
| Water Plant Generator Replacement                   | \$225,000           |
| 2” Water Line Upsizing & Fire Hydrants              | \$4,000,000         |
| Contingency & Engineering                           | \$7,207,000         |
| Legal & State Fees, Reports, & Capitalized Interest | \$5,440,500         |
| <b>Total Bond Cost</b>                              | <b>\$39,840,000</b> |

If the bond passes, it is repaid through the MUD taxes and there is an expected 18¢ per hundred increase for the first phase of improvements. If the bond does not pass, the state will construct the necessary improvements & notify the MUD of the cost, which will then be repaid to the state through our water bill revenues, requiring an undetermined increase in water and sewer rates.

## Dates to Remember

- April 9, 6:30 PM  
Bond Townhall at the San Leon Fire Department
- April 15 – Tax Day
- April 17, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the San Leon Fire Department
- April 21 – Easter Sunday
- April 22, 6:30 PM  
Bond Townhall at the San Leon Fire Department
- April 22 – April 30  
Galveston County Early Voting
- April 26 – Arbor Day

Don’t forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Bond Election Town Hall Turnout

Last month, the District hosted two town halls to discuss the bond election and over 60 people came to each event! After a brief history of the District and the wastewater plant specifically, MUD president Joe Manchaca and district manager Andrew Miller fielded questions for several hours between the two days as the community sought to understand the purpose of the bond and the impact on the community. With election day on May 4<sup>th</sup> coming to a close as this issue is published, the results of the election should be accessible soon from the county and provide a path forward for the MUD as we pursue continued excellence in our service to the community.

## Water Conservation Reminder

As we head into warmer months with Spring (and Summer right around the corner!), don't forget to be conscious of your water usage around the house. Increased demand over the summer is a guarantee and if there are activities not using water efficiently, then it decreases the net total of water resources available for the community. While we're not in danger of running out of water, proper management of our resources will ensure that we'll have plenty of water for years to come.

## Dates to Remember

May 4 - Election Day

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 15, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

May 18 - Armed Forces Day

May 27 - Memorial Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## What is a sewer cleanout?

A sewer cleanout (pictured below) is a PVC pipe and cap, typically 4" in diameter, that intersects with the sewer line that runs from your home to the District's main lines. It provides an access point for plumbers to diagnose and repair backups in the line that connects to the District's main line. It should be kept closed to function properly, as being left open will result in rain water getting into the District's collection system and inundating the wastewater treatment plant with unnecessary flow. If you have any questions about the location of your cleanout or how to replace a damaged cap, just call the office!



## Dates to Remember

June 6 - D-Day

June 19 - Juneteenth

June 19, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

June 21 - Summer Solstice

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## What is a house shut off valve?

A house shut off valve (pictured below) is a valve that's typically found on the side of your home where the water line comes in. While not all homes have a house shut off valve, it's a very important valve if you do have one: if closed, this valve will turn off all water service to the home! While this is handy to take care of any repairs you may need to address inside the home, during the summertime many people accidentally turn the house shut off valve when trying to turn off hoses or sprinklers. If you're experiencing a loss of service, always be sure to check your house shut off valve because it might be the culprit!



## Dates to Remember

July 1-7 – National Clean Beaches Week

July 4 – Independence Day

July 16, 6:30 PM  
Quarterly Town Hall at the San Leon Fire Department

July 17, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the San Leon Fire Department

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## What is National Water Quality Month?

Every year, August is recognized as National Water Quality Month, a time to pay attention to how our households and communities affect our fresh water sources. San Leon and many other nearby municipalities receive treated drinking water from the Gulf Coast Water Authority, a regional surface water plant that pulls water from the Brazos River through a series of canals. While the water travels over land and picks up minerals and contaminants along the way that are outlined in our annual Consumer Confidence Report, the contaminants are taken care of during water treatment and removed or reduced to levels considered acceptable by the state regulatory agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

However, our water quality can be impacted when individuals don't properly dispose of materials such as used motor oil, unwanted or expired medications, pet waste, & septic system sludge or effluent. These can contaminate the watershed, negatively influencing the quality of water. Be sure to do your part in the pursuit of premium water quality and properly dispose of all waste items!

## Dates to Remember

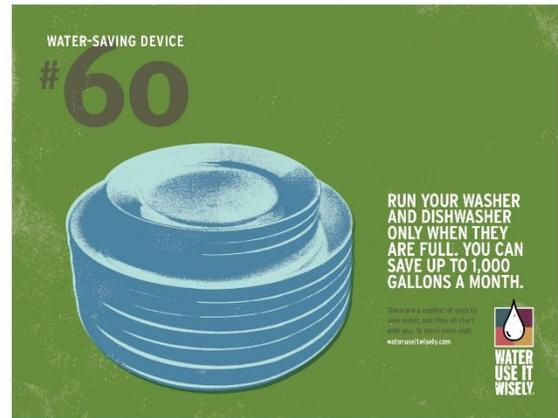
August – National Water Quality Month

August 7 – Purple Heart Day

August 21, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

August 27 – Lyndon Baines Johnson  
Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



Your water bill is calculated based on the amount of water you use, so how do we measure your water usage? San Leon has electronic meters that store your usage on an hourly basis that are then gathered by our meter readers with special equipment. However, you can always track your usage yourself or check to see if you have any leaks. Just open your meter box and make a note of date and time of the read based on the image below.



If you take another read at the same time on another day, you can subtract the two numbers to see how many gallons of water you used during that time. As always, if you have any questions about your usage, don't hesitate to contact the office and we'll be more than happy to assist you with figuring out your usage trends.

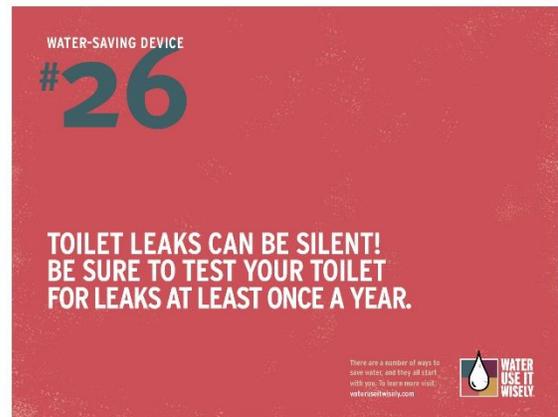
## Dates to Remember

September 2 – Labor Day

September 18, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

September 23 – First day of Fall

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## **Bulk Trash & Recycling**

Bulk item pickup is included in the weekly trash service, so bring your dressers, couches, chairs, mattresses, beds, and other large items to the end of your driveway every Saturday to have them hauled off!

Recycling is also included in our trash service and is picked up every other Thursday. An 18-gallon recycling bin is available to every resident, though Decker will also pick up from any container so long as it's clearly marked "Recycling".

## **A Couple of Reminders**

Please update our office if you intend to connect an RV to your home's water or sewer service. While not disallowed, there are certain requirements (such as permits and updating your account in our database) that must be followed in order to connect an RV to your home's service connections.

The District's Rate Order requires all residential and commercial buildings to have the property address posted on the building: "Letters and numbers used to mark addresses should be at least three (3) inches high and should be placed on the building so they are visible from the street." Please contact the office with any questions you may have.

## **Dates to Remember**

October 14 – Columbus Day

October 15, 6:30 PM  
Quarterly Town Hall at the  
San Leon Fire Department

October 16, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

## **Conservation Tip of the Month**



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Galveston County Mosquito Control

Galveston County has a fleet of vehicles that are deployed throughout the county to spray for mosquitos. If you have any questions regarding spraying schedule or want to request spraying in your area, you can call them at (800) 842-5622 or visit their website to see maps of the locations they've recently sprayed as well as where they intend to spray next.

## Property Address Reminder

Part of San Leon's rate order requires that all residential and commercial buildings in the district have the property address posted on the building. The letters and numbers used to mark addresses should be at least three inches high and should be placed on the building so they are visible from the street. This is to the residents' benefit as well since any EMS responders will be better able to locate your property with the address visible.

## Drainage and Maintenance

As an unincorporated part of Galveston County, we rely on the county's Road & Bridge department to maintain our ditches for proper drainage and to ensure our roads are well kept. If you have any concerns with drainage or status of the roads, feel free to talk with our District manager, Andrew, or call Roads & Bridges directly at (409) 765- 2951.

## Dates to Remember

November 3 – Daylight Savings Time ends

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 20, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## **Holiday Hosting Tips & Tricks**

As we enter the season of hosting and holiday events, here are a few things to keep in mind with regards to impact on the water and sewer systems:

- With more people in the home, you're likely to see an increase in your usage. Since we bill in arrears, this increased usage will be reflected on your bill a couple of months from now, so be prepared for that potential increase!
- As you're preparing all those tasty meals, remember to always properly dispose of grease and food scraps! While it may seem simpler to just pour the grease down the drain or let your disposal take care of grinding up those leftovers, a sewer system is mainly designed for wastewater. Food scraps and grease can build up in the collection system, causing backups for you and your neighbors! Always put grease in the fridge or freezer then throw it into the trash, & throw food scraps into the trash as well.
- Call the District's emergency number in the event of an issue after hours or during holiday closure. Feel free to call the office and leave a message if it's not an urgent need, but contact (281) 779-4043 with any concern that warrants immediate attention by the District's staff and we'll address your concerns as soon as possible!

## **Dates to Remember**

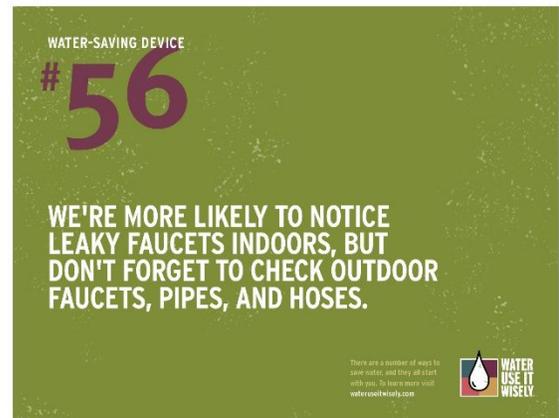
December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 18, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the San Leon Fire Department

December 24 & 25– Christmas Eve & Day

December 31 – New Year's Eve

## **Conservation Tip of the Month**



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## How Do Municipal Bonds Work?

Infrastructure planning and upgrades have substantial costs associated with them. From engineering costs and permitting to materials and labor, many improvements to the district's system can cost millions of dollars. Where does this money come from? Part of the powers given to utility districts is the ability to sell bonds on the open market in order to finance these larger projects. These bonds work similar to a line of credit: we receive a rating based on our credit worthiness and entities bid on our requested bond amount. The full value of the bond may or may not be leveraged immediately, but it establishes a maximum amount the district is allowed to use for a specific set of infrastructure needs as part of our capital improvement plan. As the district begins to utilize the funds available, debt is incurred and the district's taxes are used to cover the debt service owed. As San Leon continues to grow, the infrastructure needs grow as well, and the district may start reviewing our long-term financial status to determine if additional bonds are necessary to promote the district's well-being.

## Dates to Remember

- January 1 – New Year's Day
- January 14, 6:30 PM  
Quarterly Town Hall at the San Leon Fire Department
- January 15, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the San Leon Fire Department
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Trash and Recycling Service Update

In late 2016, the subject of including district-wide trash and recycling service on the monthly water bill was discussed in several District meetings. A district-wide questionnaire was mailed out to survey if the community was interested in such a proposal, and with a majority response in favor, the District set out to engage proposals from vendors. In November 2016, vendors presented contracts for trash service and the Board elected to engage Decker Dispose-All. Over the past few years, they have served the community well, but as their contract was nearing completion the District evaluated their renewal contract as well as two other bids. After researching the companies and checking several references from existing customers, the Board determined that Texas Pride Disposal provided the best option as it offered the same service schedule and manner of pickup while locking in prices that match our existing contract for a five-year term. This will result in stable prices for the community over the coming years.

Decker will be picking up their trash and recycling bins in the coming weeks, with Texas Pride slated to deliver their trash and recycling bins as they prepare to begin service. The District will be sure to maintain clear communication with the community throughout the upcoming weeks, utilizing Blackboard and additional mailers as necessary to ensure complete confidence during the transition period.

### Dates to Remember

- February 2 – Groundhog Day
- February 14 – Valentine’s Day
- February 17 – Presidents’ Day
- February 19, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

Don’t forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## **Texas Pride Disposal Begins Service**

While Decker has continued to service the community through the end of February, they will be picking up their trash carts and recycling bins as we transition so please be sure to leave your empty Decker carts and recycling bins at the curb for them to collect as they're able. As mentioned in our district-wide mailer last month, Texas Pride will be delivering their trash carts and recycling bins from the end of February up until their first collection day on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for those new bins and let us know if you have any issues or concerns; Texas Pride's office number is (281) 342-8178 and as always we can be reached at (281) 335-1586.

## **Upcoming Director Election**

This coming May, there are several candidates running for 2 positions on the San Leon MUD board. If you have any questions regarding the election or district operations, please be sure to contact the MUD directly to receive the most current information and the District Manager Andrew will be more than happy to meet with you.

## **Dates to Remember**

March 2 – Texas Independence Day

March 8 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 18, 6:30 PM  
Monthly Meeting at the  
San Leon Fire Department

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

## **Conservation Tip of the Month**



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

# San Leon MUD Update



## Update to District Operations

In light of the public health emergency represented by COVID-19 and Judge Mark Henry's recent executive order requesting residents to stay-at-home, San Leon MUD has decided to decrease operations for the time being. We will still respond to emergency situations, but request understanding while we operate with a decreased staff in an effort to mitigate contact with potential carriers of COVID-19. While we will continue to accept in-person payment at our office, only one person will be allowed into the office building at a time. We highly recommend utilizing our payment drop boxes as well as our free online payment portal at [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org) to minimize contact. As a reminder, we have suspended service disconnections for the time being. We ask that you continue to pay your bill in a timely manner.

### Dates to Remember

- April 1 – April Fool’s Day
- April 12 – Easter Sunday
- April 15, 6:30 PM  
Monthly District Meeting
- April 21 – San Jacinto Day

## Update to District Meetings

Governor Abbott recently issued an executive order that temporarily amends the requirements for meetings by governmental bodies. One of these changes allowed for teleconferencing to constitute a quorum in an effort to ensure continued transparency while also maintaining social distancing during this critical time. San Leon MUD will be posting a phone number and access code alongside each month’s agenda to ensure public accessibility to the District’s proceedings. If you have any questions, please contact the office and we’ll be happy to help!

## Conservation Tip of the Month



**SAN LEON MUD****Check Register****For the Period From Jan 1, 2000 to Apr 17, 2020**

Filter Criteria includes: 1) Vendor ID's from SEABREEZE to SEABREEZE. Report order is by Date.

| Check # | Date     | Payee     | Cash Accou | Amount   |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 22420   | 5/30/13  | SEABREEZE | 10500      | 1,000.00 |
| 22651   | 8/30/13  | SEABREEZE | 10500      | 250.00   |
| 22911   | 12/16/13 | SEABREEZE | 10500      | 1,200.00 |
| 0123    | 3/14/14  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 400.00   |
| 0823    | 2/13/15  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 0925    | 3/13/15  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 900.00   |
| 1177    | 7/2/15   | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1262    | 8/14/15  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1416    | 10/23/15 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1448    | 11/6/15  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1510    | 12/4/15  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1595    | 1/15/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1697    | 2/12/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1719    | 2/26/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1772    | 3/24/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 1842    | 4/22/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 250.00   |
| 1941    | 6/3/16   | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 250.00   |
| 2027    | 7/1/16   | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 250.00   |
| 2085    | 7/29/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 250.00   |
| 2167    | 8/26/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 250.00   |
| 2224    | 9/23/16  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2293    | 10/21/16 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2391    | 11/18/16 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2491    | 12/30/16 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2555    | 1/27/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2613    | 2/24/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2679    | 3/24/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2751    | 4/21/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2831    | 5/19/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |
| 2936    | 6/30/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00   |

**SAN LEON MUD**  
**Check Register**  
**For the Period From Jan 1, 2000 to Apr 17, 2020**

Filter Criteria includes: 1) Vendor ID's from SEABREEZE to SEABREEZE. Report order is by Date.

| Check # | Date     | Payee     | Cash Accou | Amount  |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|
| 3006    | 7/28/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3049    | 8/25/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3103    | 9/22/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3190    | 10/20/17 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3006V   | 11/2/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | -450.00 |
| 3229    | 11/3/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3263    | 12/1/17  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3338    | 12/28/17 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3392    | 1/26/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3431    | 2/23/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3499    | 3/23/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3567    | 4/20/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3657    | 5/31/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3717    | 6/29/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3789    | 7/27/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3852    | 8/24/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3921    | 9/21/18  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 3996    | 10/19/18 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4071    | 12/14/18 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4100    | 12/28/18 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4163    | 1/25/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4224    | 2/22/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4277    | 3/22/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4351    | 4/19/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4458    | 5/31/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4532    | 6/28/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4584    | 7/26/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4651    | 8/23/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4707    | 9/20/19  | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |
| 4782    | 10/31/19 | SEABREEZE | 10400      | 450.00  |

**SAN LEON MUD****Check Register****For the Period From Jan 1, 2000 to Apr 17, 2020**

Filter Criteria includes: 1) Vendor ID's from SEABREEZE to SEABREEZE. Report order is by Date.

| <b>Check #</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Payee</b> | <b>Cash Accou</b> | <b>Amount</b>           |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 4849           | 11/27/19    | SEABREEZE    | 10400             | 450.00                  |
| 4904           | 12/27/19    | SEABREEZE    | 10400             | 450.00                  |
| 4982           | 1/24/20     | SEABREEZE    | 10400             | 450.00                  |
| 5018           | 2/21/20     | SEABREEZE    | 10400             | 450.00                  |
| 5083           | 3/20/20     | SEABREEZE    | 10400             | 450.00                  |
| <b>Total</b>   |             |              |                   | <b><u>28,850.00</u></b> |

04-20-2020

Phillip David Haskett  
Candidate for San Leon MUD Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 1941  
League City, TX 77574  
David@VoteForHaskett.com  
832-245-0834

Andrew Miller  
General Manager  
San Leon Municipal Utility District  
443 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Leon, TX 77539

RE: My Texas Open Records Act request dated February 12, 2020.

Mr. Miller,

Your response dated April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 to the referenced TPIA request is inadequate, non-responsive and evasive.

I specifically requested copies of the approximately 825 responses to the questionnaire circulated just prior to the “special meeting” held on December 15, 2016, the purported results of which were used to justify the imposition of mandatory participation in trash collection managed by the District.

I have located numerous individuals who did not receive this “questionnaire”, a fact that suggests the results were falsified in order to create the illusion of a consensus on this issue.

In addition, you have provided only 26 pages in response to my request for copies of all advertisements published in the Sea Breeze News, although the check register indicates that some 65 such monthly “updates” have been published to date, at a cost of \$28,850.00.

As I have advised the Board that this illegal expenditure must cease, and they have responded by passing a resolution to continue them, I demand a prompt response to this second request for these publications.

Please provide the listed items forthwith, or provide me with a detailed explanation why these documents are no longer available.

Sincerely,

*Original Signature on File*

Phillip David Haskett

Attachments



SAN LEON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
443 24TH STREET  
SAN LEON, TEXAS 77539  
281-339-1586 FAX: 281-339-1587  
EMAIL ADDRESS: [slmud1@slmud.org](mailto:slmud1@slmud.org)  
WEB PAGE: [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

April 17, 2020

Phillip David Haskett  
P.O. Box 1941  
League City, TX 77574

Dear Mr. Haskett:

We have received your records request under the Texas Public Information Act, dated February 12, 2020. As previously communicated with you, we work to respond to all open records requests while still maintaining our day-to-day operations with our limited staff, so I appreciate the patience you've exhibited as we've worked towards fulfilling this request. Your request is outlined below, along with our responses and supporting documentation.

1. A copy of the "Trash Collection Questionnaire" referenced in the most recent "San Leon MUD Update" published in the Sea Breeze News dated February 6, 2020.
  - a. Attached.
2. A copy of the mailing list for this questionnaire
  - a. The mailing list was generated from within our billing software and directly printed onto mailing labels; as such, the requested document is not in our files.
3. A copy of any spreadsheet or tally of the results, including the names and addresses of the respondents thereto.
  - a. Attached are the minutes from the meeting showing the results of the survey.
4. A copy of each "San Leon MUD Update" published since January 1, 2014.
  - a. Attached are the copies we have on file.
5. A ledger showing all payments to the Sea Breeze News by the District since publication of the "San Leon MUD Update" or similar public notice began.
  - a. Attached.

If you have any additional questions regarding the matter, please let me know and I will do my best to work with you to come to a satisfying conclusion for your inquiry.

Sincerely,



Andrew Miller  
District Manager  
San Leon MUD

## SAN LEON MUD

## Garbage Pick-up Survey

---

Please let us know if you would be **For** or **Against** a monthly charge on your water bill.

Pick-ups will be twice a week, which includes one heavy trash day pick-up per week.

The estimated charge would be from \$15 to \$19 per month.

\_\_\_\_\_ **FOR** - Monthly trash pickup on your water bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST** – Monthly trash pickup on your water bill.

**For this survey to Count We Need:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this survey by November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 ---- Thank you.**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
SAN LEON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

§  
§  
§

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

The Board of Directors of the San Leon Municipal Utility District met in Special Meeting, open to the public, Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the District's regular meeting place at the District Office, 443 24th Street, San Leon, Texas. Constituting a quorum, the following duly-elected members of the Board were present, to-wit:

Joe Manchaca, President

Julie Hall, Secretary

Kelly Neason, Assistant Secretary

Tyson Kennedy, Vice President

Kenneth Bishop, Director

Also present were Janice Hoffman, Office Manager, Ken Keller, Field Superintendent, and Steve DonCarlos, District's Attorney.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

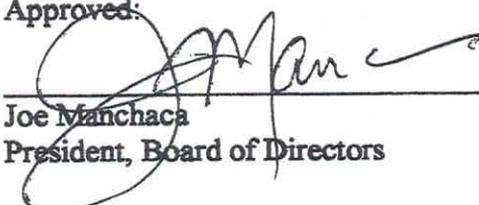
**Discuss, Consider and Approve the Trash Vendor for the District:**

J. Manchaca started the discussion regarding the trash vendors. T. Kennedy wanted to know what the final outcome on the census sent out to the residents. There were 523 for, 195 against and after the deadline on the 21<sup>st</sup> there were maybe 100 or more, but those were not counted. There were discussions regarding the commercial trash service. There were discussions regarding recycling. J. Manchaca stated the service will be for residential only; the commercial accounts will not be included. There were two (2) commercial customers at the meeting that had comments regarding the trash service. Tyson Kennedy made a motion to approve Decker as the District's Mandatory Trash Collection Service for the next three (3) years, based on the 73% positive response from the voters in San Leon to start in February 2017 billing, seconded by Julie Hall. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Ken Bishop made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm, seconded by Julie Hall. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Approved:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Manchaca  
President, Board of Directors

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Hall  
Secretary, Board of Directors



SAN LEON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
443 24TH STREET  
SAN LEON, TEXAS 77539  
281-339-1586 FAX: 281-339-1587  
EMAIL ADDRESS: [slmud1@slmud.org](mailto:slmud1@slmud.org)  
WEB PAGE: [www.slmud.org](http://www.slmud.org)

April 20, 2020

Phillip David Haskett  
P.O. Box 1941  
League City, TX 77574

Dear Mr. Haskett:

We have received your follow-up response to the recently released information from your request under the Texas Public Information Act, dated February 12, 2020. When the questionnaire results were tallied, a master list of the individual responses was not generated, therefore the information you're requesting does not exist. Regarding the Seabreeze articles, we have produced all of the copies of the ads that we have in our records. Prior to my hiring at the beginning of 2018, the MUD update in the Seabreeze was authored by board members. While a copy of the original articles was not retained by the District, the Seabreeze does have an exhaustive archive on their website which can afford you the documents you're seeking.

If you have any additional questions regarding the matter, please let me know and I will do my best to work with you to come to a satisfying conclusion for your inquiry.

Sincerely,



Andrew Miller  
District Manager  
San Leon MUD