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Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, and the San Antonio River Authority Come Together to Protect Lives

\$20 million investment to update flood warning system and infrastructure improvements

SAN ANTONIO (Aug. 5, 2025) – Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, and the San Antonio River Authority, through the [Bexar Regional Watershed Management Partnership](#) (BRWM), today announced the official launch of the Next Generation (NextGen) Flood Warning System and Resilient Infrastructure Program. This initiative was designed to bring technology, modern infrastructure, and public outreach together, with the goal of saving lives during future storms.

NextGen Flood Warning System replaces outdated proprietary systems with best-in-class technology, incorporates real-time data from gauges and sensors to give faster, more accurate alerts, and provides critical early warnings to first responders and the public so people have time to act.

“The goal is for zero lives to be lost during a major flood event,” said Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai. “This new system, coupled with a robust outreach campaign around flood awareness and safety, ensures Bexar County residents have the tools they need to stay safe.”

The BRWM has strategically invested over \$2 billion on [flood mitigation](#) since 2002. Further infrastructure improvements will be made throughout the region to reduce risks to life and property.

“This new flood warning system is about saving lives,” said Mayor Gina Ortiz Jones. “By working together with Bexar County and the San Antonio River Authority, we’re taking action to protect residents before the next storm hits. This is local leadership stepping up for public safety.”

The River Authority will lead the technical aspects of the initiative, including working with FEMA to update floodplain maps and expanding a regional network of sensors that deliver real-time data. The River Authority will inspect, monitor, and maintain the NextGen Flood Warning System to ensure all sensors and radars are working as they should be when we need them most.



“The River Authority has proactively invested in flood data acquisition and the development of predictive flood models to protect and manage the San Antonio River Watershed,” said Jim Campbell, River Authority Chairman of the Board. “We stand alongside Bexar County and the City of San Antonio in committing to bringing the best available early flood warning technology and resources to our communities.”

A series of public meetings will be held over the next six months to educate the public on the NextGen System and flood mitigation infrastructure investments. Additionally, a region-wide flood safety education campaign will launch in 2026 to promote a culture of flood awareness and preparedness.

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About Bexar County

Bexar County is one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States, now the 16th largest with over 2 million residents. It blends rich history, such as its five Spanish colonial missions, the first World Heritage Site in Texas, with modern innovation like BiblioTech, the nation’s first all-digital public library. The county plays a vital role in delivering services that support daily life for families and communities.

City of San Antonio - Vibrant & Thriving

San Antonio is a vibrant city with a thriving economy, deep cultural heritage and communities that are compassionate, inclusive and proudly diverse. It is the seventh largest city in the United States and one of the strongest fiscally managed cities in the country, nurturing entrepreneurship, encouraging investment and funding infrastructure. The City fosters partnership and growth opportunities in aerospace, bioscience, cybersecurity, green technologies, healthcare, and information technology. San Antonio’s famed River Walk and Alamo are the top tourist attractions in Texas, and its historic missions are a designated World Heritage Site – the first and only in Texas. Proudly called Military City, USA®, San Antonio is home to one of the largest populations of active-duty military and veterans, as well as mission-critical commands, including military medicine, cybersecurity, pilot training and basic training. For more information, visit SA.gov and follow [@COSAGov](https://twitter.com/COSAGov) on social.

About San Antonio River Authority

The San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) was created by the 45th Texas Legislature on May 5, 1937, and reorganized in 1961 to plan, manage, and implement water-related programs and projects within the San Antonio River Basin. The State of Texas empowered the River Authority to preserve, protect, and manage the resources and the ecology of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. To learn more about the River Authority, visit our website at sariverauthority.org.