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**Bexar County Commissioners Court Approves Interlocal Agreement with the  
San Antonio River Authority***Investment to develop the NextGen Flood Warning System*

**SAN ANTONIO** (Dec. 16, 2025) – Bexar County Commissioners Court today approved a Preliminary Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) for the development of the Next Generation (NextGen) Flood Warning System in the amount of \$2,426,228.00. NextGen marks an investment in public safety, with best-in-class technology, providing faster, more accurate flood alerts to first responders and the public, giving people time to act.

“The safety of our citizens is non-negotiable,” said Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai. “This approval demonstrates our commitment to innovation and our goal of zero lives lost during a flood event. By leveraging local collaboration with the River Authority, we are ensuring our community has the most advanced tools available to stay safe and informed during a severe weather event.”

The River Authority is leading the technical aspects of the initiative to expand a regional network of sensors that deliver real-time flood elevation data, including the inspection, monitoring, and maintenance of the NextGen Flood Warning System.

“As the authority for flood management in the region, we are determined to have best-in-class technology that will significantly improve flood warnings, data collection and analysis,” said Jim Campbell, River Authority Chairman of the Board. “This system represents a major step forward in our ability to monitor and effectively communicate flood threats in Bexar County.”

Since NextGen’s launch in August 2025, the River Authority in collaboration with Bexar County and the City of San Antonio has:

- Inventoried 50% of the existing flood gauge network in Bexar County
- Initial planning is underway to determine the precise, optimal locations for new safety cameras and lighting at key low-water crossings to improve visibility and monitoring during flood events.
- The project is on track to receive 90% of the necessary survey data before the end of the year, which is critical input for developing accurate flood forecasts.

- Engineers are developing new threshold models that will define when alerts are triggered.

This ILA allows the River Authority to continue the critical gauge threshold and alert analysis, survey of existing infrastructure, initiate the predictive flood model enhancements, and get the public outreach and education campaign underway.

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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.

### **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](http://sariverauthority.org).