



**BexarMet**  
WATER DISTRICT

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**BEXAR METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
RENEWS AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WATER**

*Parties sign new agreement to manage and operate  
its state of the art surface water treatment system*

United Water, one of the leading providers of water and wastewater services in the nation, today announced the signing of a multi-year agreement to renew the contract with BexarMet Water District to manage and operate the BexarMet Water Treatment Plant.

“The Plant is one of the most modern facilities of its kind in the world, garnering national and international attention,” commented Roger Placencia, Director of Operations for the water utility located on the South Side of San Antonio.

The Treatment Plant is San Antonio’s first surface water treatment facility and the first ultrafiltration membrane water treatment plant to operate in Texas. The plant has the capacity to process 13 MGD and serves about 110,000 people.

BexarMet selected United Water to design, build, manage and operate its state of the art surface water treatment system almost ten years ago.

“The primary goal of the United Water-BexarMet partnership is to increase water supply reliability and improve water quality while maintaining a cost effective operation and providing superior customer service,” said Bob Iacullo, President, United Water.

Fully automated, the Water Treatment Plant uses a compact high-rate, pulsed-bed sedimentation process to pre-treat the water prior to final treatment using ultrafiltration membranes. Innovation was also a key component in bring the project online as the first water treatment plant in the State of Texas to use the design, build and operate (DBO) project delivery process.

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BexarMet was one of 450 systems chosen by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Water Division to assist with pilot testing of a new Surface Water Monthly Operating Report (SWMOR). United Water completed this pilot testing study in April. The new SWMOR will be mandatory for all systems in January 2010.

BexarMet was established by the Texas Legislature in 1945 and serves 86,000 residential and commercial accounts, providing water to more than 250,000 people in Atascosa, Bexar, Comal and Medina counties. The District was established as a governmental agency with the power to "control, conserve, protect, preserve, distribute and utilize water within its service area".

The water district is the most diverse water utility in the San Antonio area, drawing water from six different ground and surface water sources. BexarMet is comprised of 21 water systems, some not interconnected with each other. BexarMet' service area encompasses the south, northeast, north central, southeast and south and west sides of San Antonio.

**ABOUT UNITED WATER/SUEZ ENVIRNOMENTAL**

United Water, founded in 1869, is one of the nation's leading water and wastewater services providers to over 7 million people in 26 states through the dedication of its 2,600 employees. In addition to owning and operating 20 regulated utilities, United Water operates 240 municipal systems through public-private partnerships and contract agreements, including three of the nation's largest water and wastewater contracts: Indianapolis, IN, Gary, IN and Jersey City, NJ.

United Water is a subsidiary of the SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge to protect resources by providing innovative solutions to industries and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 76 million people provides wastewater treatment services for 44 million people and collects the waste produced by 60 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 65,400 employees and is present on five continents. It is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water supply and waste removal services.

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