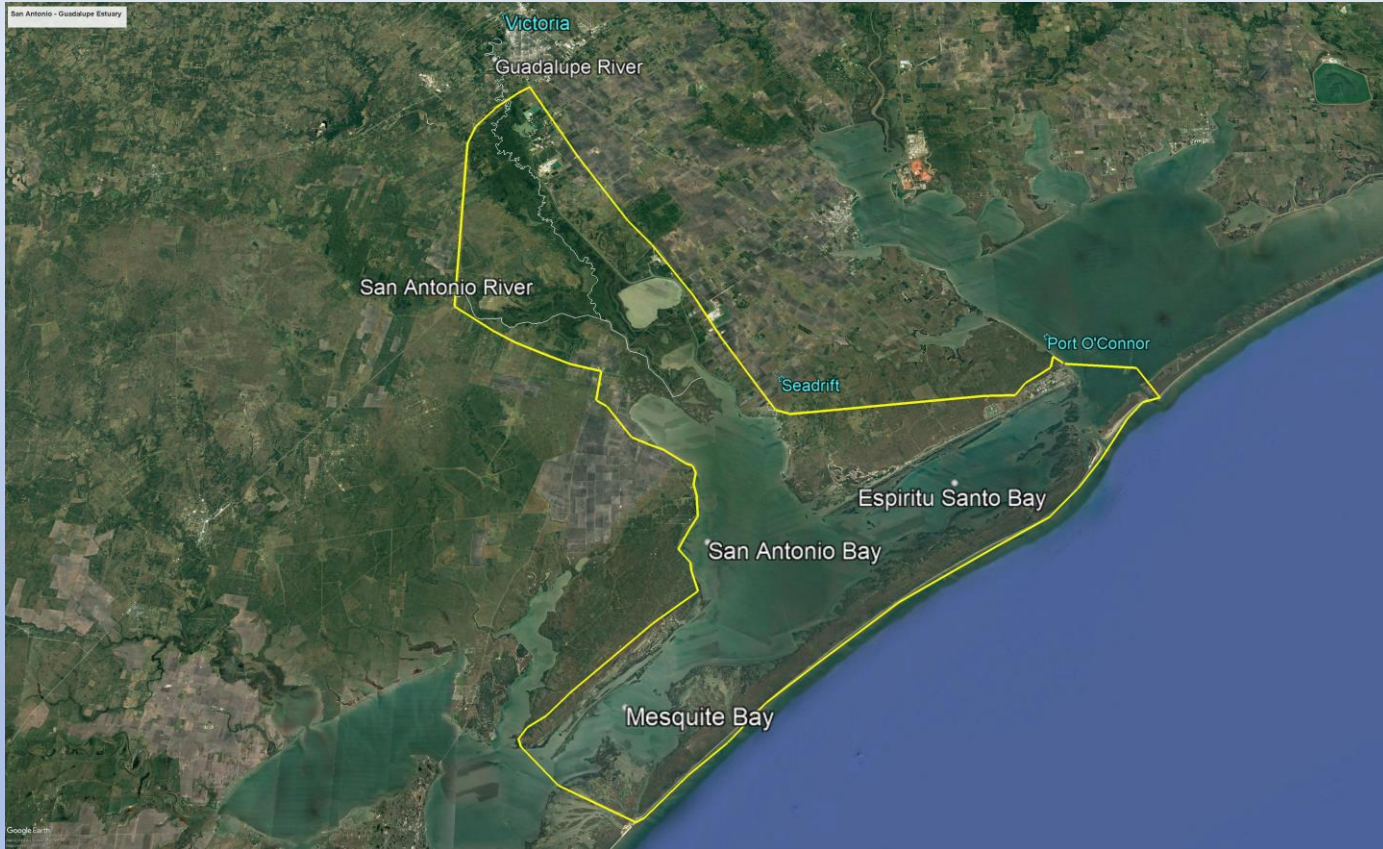


San Antonio Bay Partnership



San Antonio – Guadalupe Estuary

SAGE is one 7 major estuaries on the Texas Coast

Estuary:

- **semi-enclosed coastal bodies of water**
- **a free connection with the open sea**
- **within which sea water is diluted with freshwater**

Watershed: Guadalupe and San Antonio Rivers

Bays:

- San Antonio
- Espiritu Santo /Bar Room
- Mesquite, Carlos
- Hynes
- Guadalupe / Mission Lake

Gulf Passes : Cavallo and Aransas (& Cedar)



Why live anywhere else?



Productive Waters!

San Antonio Bay Partnership

The logo consists of a central blue crab facing forward, positioned between two stylized blue waves. The waves are composed of two curved lines, one light blue and one medium blue, creating a sense of movement. The entire graphic is centered between the two lines of text.

San Antonio Bay Partnership

Purpose:...*create and sustain* a working partnership of committed **stakeholders**...

Stakeholders include:

- State and Federal Agencies
- River Authorities
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Academia
- Industry and local businesses
- Local Governments
- Private Foundations
- Volunteers and Interested Individuals



Protect-Restore-Enhance



Habitat Conservation - Fresh Water Inflows
Estuary Education - Public Use & Enjoyment

Accomplishments

- Growing Estuary Education Program: Floating Classroom + Traveling Bay
- Water For Wildlife – Freshwater for Whoopers & Waterfowl
- Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program - Revival, improved effectiveness, and expansion
- Freshwater inflow advocacy
- Paddling trails and outings

Strategic Plan

SAN ANTONIO BAY PARTNERSHIP – STRATEGIC PLAN 2018

San Antonio Bay
Partnership
(SABP)

STRATEGIC
PLAN
2018



29 Projects identified!

Goals

Fresh Water Inflows

Encourage the establishment of voluntary, collaborative mechanisms throughout the watershed that provide sufficient environmental flows for the San Antonio Bay-Guadalupe Estuary System (SAB-GES), especially in drought conditions.

Habitat Conservation

Promote the conservation, protection, and restoration of aquatic and terrestrial habitats to ensure the SAB-GES is a resilient estuarine system with healthy marshes and oyster reefs, improved bird rookeries, and adequate freshwater for wildlife.

Environmental Education and Outreach

Increase environmental awareness of both coastal and watershed residents and of visitors so all better understand the SAB-GES and the ecological services it provides.

Public Access and Ecotourism

Encourage the responsible use of SAB-GES and adjoining public lands and waterways and promote ecotourism.

Administration

Establish an efficient and flexible organizational structure and administrative procedures to keep overhead low.

Funding

Increase funding available to support priority activities from current \$50k/yr. to \$100k/yr. in 2018 and to \$150k/yr. in 2019.

Purpose of Conference:

- Collectively, we are responsible for Protecting-Restoring-Enhancing the San Antonio – Guadalupe Estuary
- Showcase Partner's initiatives and successes
- Describe challenges and opportunities to address them
- For all to become more **BAY-WISE SAGES**
- Providing opportunity for more to contribute
 - Not a "Membership" organization; financed by Sponsorships, individual donations, and grants
 - Your support is essential: get on mailing list, join our activities to join, make a donation



Make your connection to the Bay personal!

Conference Program

- State of the Bays – TPWD Coastal Fisheries
- Partners and Accomplishments – **Wednesday Morning**
 - CBBEP – National Estuary Model
 - SARA – San Antonio's connection to the Bay
 - ICF & USFW – Water for Wildlife / Whoopers
 - TPWD - Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program
 - TPWD – Paddling Trails & Ecotourism
 - Dow – Bird Rookeries in Chemical Plant
 - TFC – Educating our Kids
- Lunch Discussion – The Environment in Art, Music, Film and Literature

Conference Program – Wednesday PM

- Responding to Ongoing and Emerging Issues
 - Climate Change
 - Evidence of Climate Change – Climate Action Texas
 - Mitigating Sea Level rise and Hurricanes – Blackburn
 - Coastal Planning and Protection
 - Matagorda Island – Sansom
 - Living Shoreline at Aransas Refuge – USFW
 - Plastics in the Coastal Environment
 - Surfriders – Too Much of a Good Thing
 - MA NEER – Nurdle Patrol
 - SA BAY ESTUARINE KEEPERS –Reflections on the Battle
- **The Living Coast Performance** – tonight at Welder Center
- Thursday
 - Responding to Ongoing and Emerging Issues – continued
 - Environmental Education, Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement
 - Lunch – Rep Geannie Morrison

*The purpose of the San Antonio Bay Partnership is to create and sustain a **working partnership** of **committed stakeholders** in order to protect, restore and enhance the natural resources of the San Antonio Bay/Guadalupe Estuary System for the benefit of the ecosystem and its human uses.*