

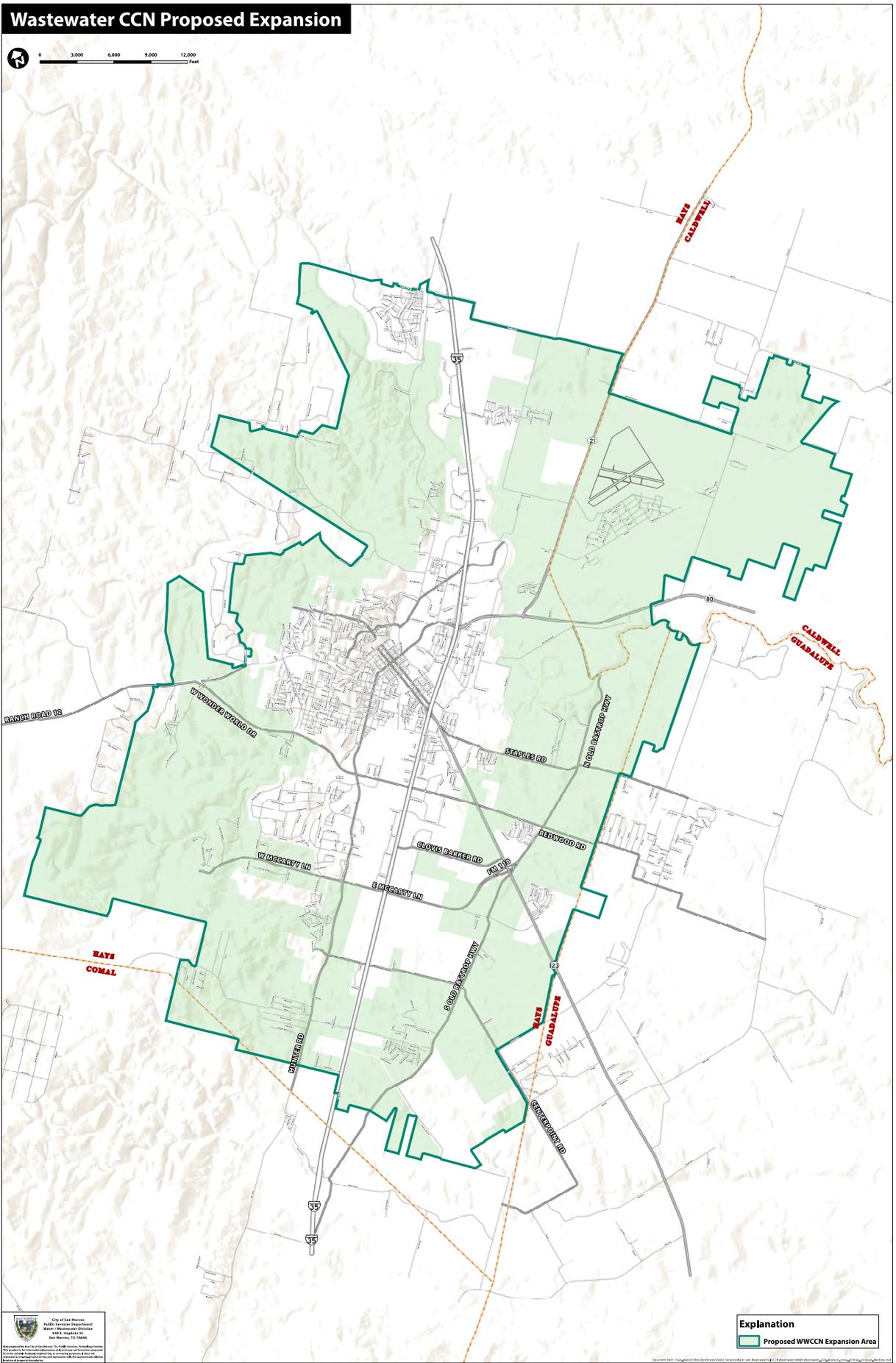
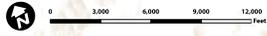


CCN Expansion FAQ

- **What is a CCN?**
 - A Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) is issued by the State of Texas Public Utility Agency (PUC) to allow orderly, efficient and cost effective extension of water and/or wastewater services to developing areas. The CCN grants exclusive retail service rights to the water and/or wastewater service provider (City of San Marcos).
- **Why has the City of San Marcos applied for expansion of their wastewater CCN area?**
 - Multiple subdivisions and developers have requested extension of water and wastewater services to developing areas in the ETJ outside the existing CCN boundaries. The City has agreed to these requests and has applied to add those areas and adjacent areas to the CCN. Requests to amend the CCN are a normal step with development.
- **I received a notice but did not request utility service. Will CCN coverage, if granted, mean I have to connect to the wastewater system if it passes by?**
 - No, properties in the ETJ will not be required to connect. If they desire central sewer service, they will be eligible to connect to the system.
- **Does this mean if the CCN is granted my property will be annexed into the City of San Marcos?**
 - No, inclusion or exclusion of a given property in a CCN has no bearing on annexation.
- **If the CCN expansion is granted, does it tax or in any way cost me money?**
 - No, this does not give taxing authority or require any payments. If a property chooses at some point to connect to City utility service, they would pay for service at that time as does any other utility customer.
- **Why did I get this notice, if I did not request service now?**
 - The PUC rules require the City notify all affected county governments, water and wastewater retail providers, municipal utility districts, ground water districts and property owners in the areas proposed for coverage. The City has sent 3600 + letters to provide required notice, as well as, publishing the notice in four local newspapers.
- **Why are properties in between current CCN areas of the City and new subdivisions requesting service included in the request?**
 - Pipelines would necessarily cross areas in between and it is best engineering and efficiency practice to serve those areas, if and when properties would choose to connect, such as when on-site septic systems need replacement.
- **If I object to inclusion of my property in the CCN area, what can I do?**
 - Comments may be filed by all property owners with the PUC for their use in consideration of the application. Properties larger than 25 acres have specific rights to request “opt out” of the CCN areas by filing objections as specified in the notice.

The attached map shows the existing wastewater CCN and proposed expansion area (green shading).

Wastewater CCN Proposed Expansion



City of San Marcos
Public Utilities Department
Water Infrastructure Division
415 S. Highway 91
San Marcos, TX 78666

Explanation

- Proposed WWCN Expansion Area

Notice to Neighboring Systems, Landowners, Customers and Cities
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
PROVIDE SEWER UTILITY SERVICE IN HAYS, GUADALUPE, COMAL, AND CALDWELL
COUNTIES, TEXAS

To: _____
(Neighboring System, Landowner, Customer or City)

(Address)

(City State Zip)

Date Notice Mailed: _____, 2018

The City of San Marcos has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to amend its sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 20116 for the provision of retail sewer utility service in Hays, Guadalupe, Comal, and Caldwell Counties.

The requested area is located approximately 1.5 miles north, east, south, and west of downtown San Marcos, TX, and is generally bounded on the north by Yarrington Road; on the east by Highway 142; on the south by York Creek Road; and on the west by Pioneer Trail. The total requested area includes approximately 35,579 acres and 1007 current customers. **See enclosed map showing the requested area.**

The requested area overlaps the boundaries of the Cotton Center MUD 2. If Cotton Center MUD 2 does not request a public hearing, the Commission shall determine that the district is consenting to the City of San Marcos' request to provide retail sewer utility service in the requested area.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

A landowner with a tract of land at least 25 acres or more, that is partially or wholly located within the requested area, may file a written request with the Commission to be excluded from the requested area ("opt out") within (30) days from the date that notice was provided by the Utility. All opt out requests must include a large scale map and a metes and bounds description of the landowner's tract of land.

Persons who wish to request this option should file the required documents with the:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
1701 N. Congress, P. O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

In addition, the landowner must also send a copy of the opt out request to the Utility. Staff may request additional information regarding your request.

Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477.