



Member Organizations

- Alamo Group of the Sierra Club
- Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas
- Austin Regional Sierra Club
- Bexar Audubon Society
- Boerne Together
- Cibolo Nature Center
- Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion
- Environmental Stewardship
- Committees of the Episcopal Church of Reconciliation & Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
- Environment Texas
- First Universalist Unitarian Church of San Antonio
- Friends of Canyon Lake
- Fuerza Unida
- Government Canyon Natural History Association
- Hays Community Action Network
- Helotes Heritage Association
- Helotes Nature Center
- Hill Country Planning Association
- Guardians of Lick Creek
- Kendall County Well Owners Association
- Kinney County Ground Zero
- Medina County Environmental Action Association
- Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods
- OST 100
- Preserve Castroville
- Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
- Preserve Our Water-Blanco County
- San Antonio Conservation Society
- San Geronimo Valley Alliance
- San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
- San Marcos River Foundation
- Santuario Sisterfarm
- Save Barton Creek Association
- Save Our Springs Alliance
- Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
- Securing a Future Environment
- Sisters of the Divine Providence
- Smart Growth San Antonio
- SEED Coalition
- Texas Water Alliance
- West Texas Springs Alliance
- Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
- Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

July 31, 2009

Congressman Silvestre Reyes
c/o Ms. Perry Finney Brody, Chief of Staff
2433 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Reyes,

On behalf of the forty-five member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, I am very pleased to submit this endorsement of Dr. Al Armendariz for appointment to the position Administrator for Region Six of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance represents a broad cross section of organizations concerned with the protection of natural resources in Texas, specifically within twenty-one counties of Central Texas that comprise the Edwards Aquifer region.

We are delighted that Dr. Armendariz is being considered as a candidate for this appointment. Having had the opportunity to participate in an interview with Dr. Armendariz, I was impressed with his thorough knowledge of the issues associated with the regulatory duties of the EPA, as well as with his unique perspective and his thoughts as to how regulation of our environment within EPA Region Six might be best managed. As an engineer, Dr. Armendariz understands the industries and operations being regulated and has worked extensively with these entities. He is familiar with the permitting process from the aspect of how regulations affect the regulated party, as well as with new industrial technologies that might be applied to the improvement of our environment.

It is our opinion that the citizens of Region Six would benefit from the intelligent leadership that Dr. Armendariz would bring to this position. We thank you for the opportunity to submit this endorsement.

Respectfully,

Annalisa Peace
Executive Director