

May 29, 2008

Re: Agenda Item 23

Dear Mayor Hardberger and City Council Representatives,

On behalf of the forty-two member groups of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, I take this opportunity to commend you for this plan to purchase development rights on 583 acres of land in Medina County with funds from the Proposition 1 tax for the purpose of protecting the Edwards Aquifer.

We feel confident that the measures and requirements negotiated as part of this agreement for the Moore Ranch represent an appropriate use of this sensitive land. It is our wish that all development in this extremely fragile and important area be granted the same respect. Also, we are delighted that this property, located as it is in Medina County, has been preserved from imminent development. We urge those who decide on the use of Prop 1 funds to accord priority to acquiring land and easements in sensitive areas of the Edwards that lie within the footprint of San Antonio's metropolitan area, and so are extremely vulnerable to inappropriate development in the immediate future.

The City of San Antonio, and the citizens of San Antonio who voted to tax themselves to protect the aquifer, deserve complements for this effort to protect this small part of the area that supplies our water. We hope that you will approve this item, and many more like it in the future.

Thank you, and keep it up!

Sincerely,

Annalisa Peace  
Executive Director