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## **Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance Calls on the Legislature to “Give Us Local Control”**

**When: Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: On the South Steps of the State Capitol**  
(look for the crowd of folks wearing blue)

Members of the thirty-six organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance outline their legislative agenda for the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, calling on the legislature to give them the tools needed to manage water resources, development and the future of their communities.

GEAA seeks to effect major change in the democratic institutions here in Texas by uniting citizens in protecting that which they hold most dear. Aided by GEAA and working with each other, member groups have achieved several notable victories during the past year, inspiring even more citizens to join us in taking on entrenched power structures, and in demanding that state and local government empower them to direct how they want their communities to grow. Though our chief concern is Edwards Aquifer protection, benefits of our success will affect municipalities and counties across Texas as so much of our effort is geared to taking back local control from the powerful vested interests that have made it almost legally impossible for Texans to protect their environment.

Introduction: Local Control of our resources and our communities:  
Enrique Valdivia, President, GEAA Board of Directors

Grandfathering: Jeff Heckler, Lobbyist, City of Sunset Valley

County Authority: Comal County Commissioner Jay Millikin

Permanent Protection of Open Space: Michael DeLeo, GEAA Board member

Quarries: Dr. Bob Fitzgerald, President, Medina County Environmental Action Association

TCEQ Regulations on MUD Discharges: Charles O’Dell PhD., President, Hays CAN

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote effective broad based advocacy for protection and preservation for aquifer protection throughout the twenty-one county Edwards region. To achieve this mission, The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance unites thirty-six member organizations in support of a comprehensive plan to protect and preserve the Edwards Aquifer, its springs, watersheds, and the Texas Hill Country.

For more information about the Aquifer Alliance visit our web-site at [www.AquiferAlliance.org](http://www.AquiferAlliance.org)

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