

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Please act now to help us on a fast moving issue of great concern to the long-term sustainability of the Alamo region: The San Antonio Water System (SAWS) contract with the Vista Ridge Consortium to import 50,000 acre feet of water annually from Burleson County's Simsboro and Carrizo aquifers.

Unfortunately, SAWS and City leaders are in a hurry to vote on October 30th, before many of the public and ratepayers have a chance to learn about the downsides to the Vista Ridge project. By SAWS own calculations, this project will require at least \$144/year for each of us, with much of the new water to be allocated for development over the Edwards and Trinity Aquifer watersheds.

We ask for you to step up within the next few weeks to help us inform the public and decision makers.

The Alamo Group of the Sierra Club [website has a clearinghouse](#) of Vista Ridge project information, which will be updated weekly. The site has links to contact Mayor Taylor and City Council Members, along with many of the great comments that have already been submitted.

The Vista Ridge project raises serious concerns. It is vital we look seriously into all the alternatives and long-term impacts of water projects, to protect not only our aquifer, but others, and prevent unsustainable growth.

We are working with other civic and environmental groups to encourage citizens to speak to San Antonio City Council at Municipal Plaza (114. West Commerce on the SE corner of Commerce and N. Flores) during the upcoming weeks before the council's vote on this project, currently scheduled for the Thursday, Oct. 30, A Session.

On October 22nd and every Wednesday at 6 p.m. is a B Session Citizens to Be Heard. You can sign up online any time after 8 a.m. Wednesday mornings [here](#). Please sign up to speak or to cede your time to one of our many groups hoping for more time to speak. If you can't make a session, please contact your council person and the Mayor with your concerns. At the least, ask for the vote to be delayed. Numbers count.

Can you go to City Council in the next two weeks? Can you [e-mail or call your Council Representative](#)? Can you write a letter to the editor of the San Antonio Express News? If so, now is the time to take action.

Thank you so much, and have a great weekend!

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