Dear San Antonio area GEAA member group leaders,

GEAA is partnering with the Alliance for a Clean Texas, the Leagues of Women Voters of the San Antonio and Comal areas, the Ecological Stewardship Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek, Alamo and Lone Star Groups of the Sierra Club, Southwest Workers Union, and others to host a **town hall meeting concerning Sunset Review for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality** (TCEQ) to take place on **Thursday, September 23th from 6:15 – 8:30pm** at the Cliff Morton Development & Business Services Center, 1901 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, Texas. We are inviting local and county elected officials and their constituents from San Antonio and surrounding communities to recount their experiences with TCEQ, and to share their suggestions for improving this agency, in light of TCEQ's upcoming Sunset Review.

Since this topic is so vital to the quality of life for those of us who live in Central Texas, we hope that you will be available to join in this important conversation, and that you'll spread the word to your member groups as soon as possible. Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether we may list your group as a co-host, and whether you would like to make a group (7-10 minute) presentation. Please RSVP to Elena Serna as soon as possible at 210-320-1457 / elena@aquiferalliance.org.

To cover costs of the event, we are soliciting sponsorships. A donation of \$50 to \$100 from your group would really help to make this event a success. **Deadline to RSVP for sponsorship is Thursday, September 2nd.** If you would like to be a sponsor, please <u>contact Elena</u> to make arrangements.

At a minimum, we hope that you can **help us get the word out** to your group members by publishing a notice of this event in your upcoming newsletters and/or sending email messages to your members. We will be sending a press release with all pertinent information soon. We hope to see as many of your members as possible; this is an opportunity to contribute your unique perspective to inform this discussion, and perhaps inspire some badly needed reforms at the State level.

GEAA staff and others are working to assemble a list of recommendations for TCEQ reforms concerning water issues. **If you would like to contribute your ideas**, please contact me at 210-320-6294 / <u>Annalisa@AquiferAlliance.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Peace Executive Director

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