

Dear GEAA members and friends,

The City of San Antonio is currently considering contracting for 50,000 acre feet per year from the Vista Ridge a consortium made up of Spanish company Abengoa and Austin's Blue Water. The water will be piped through a 142 mile pipeline from Burleson County along the IH 35 corridor. Because San Antonio does not need this much water in the near future, they have thrown out the idea of selling water to Dripping Springs, Wimberley, San Marcos, Spring Branch, and Blanco.



We are very concerned that supplying water will result in [high density development of the Edwards and Trinity recharge zones](#) and watersheds in Hays, Comal, and Blanco County, exactly where we do not want urbanization.

[SAWS voted to approve the Vista Ridge Pipeline](#) after having less than a week to review the contract. The San Antonio City Council is expected to vote on this issue on October 30th. [GEAA has joined with other groups](#) in San Antonio and is working with citizens and groups from Milam, Lee, Burleson, and Bastrop counties – the areas that will be supplying this water – to request due diligence in making this decision and a more transparent process. GEAA, the League of Women Voters, imagineSan Antonio, COPS/Metro, Sierra Club, and other groups will be speaking at tonight's City Council meeting to request a public hearing before the full Council, and community meetings in each of San Antonio's ten council districts. We invite you to join with us in asking the

City Council to fully consider how this project - which is being touted by SAWS as a regional water supply project - will impact our region.

As you can see from the linked reports, we have been plenty busy but, we need your help. **We are asking you to [contact the San Antonio Mayor and City Council](#) to request public hearings [prior to the City Council vote](#) on this project.**

Stay tuned for more on this issue, and (we hope!) for dates of future public hearings.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Peace

Executive Director, [Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](#)