Dear GEAA members and friends,

Thank you so much to those of you who have responded so generously to this year's membership renewal. **As of today, we are \$7,500 short of realizing the full matching funds offered by the S/M Hixon Family Foundation.** If you have yet to renew your membership, please do so today. All donations will be matched, and donations of \$200 or more will be matched 2:1. What a deal! You can donate online here, or send your donation to GEAA at PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

Here are a couple of items that you might find interesting:

The Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy wants your congregation to join Water Leadership for Texas: Be a Water Captain!

<u>Water Captains</u> are local members of the faith community who partner with state and local leaders to make sure the Texas water planning process works for everyone. <u>Register to attend</u> the Water Captains Leadership Conference in Austin June 29-30, 2014 - Join Water Captains from around the state to learn about water planning from state leaders and water experts. Local Presentations - Host presentations for your congregation or group by Water Captains staff members Regional Workshops - Attend a one-day intensive on water issues in your area and meet local water leaders Citizen's Guide - Serve on a team from your region and help "write the book" on water planning for the rest of us! **Read more here.**

And, if you are concerned about how Proposition 6/SWIFT Funds are to be allocated, consider attending the **TWDB Board meetings to be held April 17 in Austin at the Texas State Capitol**

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will hold two Board meetings to discuss innovative water solutions for Texas and financial assistance for water projects. The two meetings will be held in Austin at the Texas State Capitol Building, 1100 Congress Avenue, Room E2.030, on April 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The <u>morning session</u> will include presentations and discussions from external experts on innovative water solutions to conserve and manage existing water supplies in Texas, as well as ideas on developing new supplies for Texas.

The <u>TWDB afternoon agenda</u> will include consideration of financial assistance for water projects around Texas, as well as briefings and discussions on SWIFT rule development and drought conditions.

The public and interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend and provide public comment at both meetings.

Hope you are enjoying this lovely spring day.

Annalisa Peace, Executive Director, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance