Dear GEAA members and friends,

It is that time in the Legislative session when things get a bit complicated...

You may recall the previous alerts we sent in opposition to HB 3298 / SB 1806 – the water grid bill dubbed "Gridzilla". Thanks to citizen opposition (including yours!), the bill did not get out of committee. So, last week, Rep. Lyle Larson amended this legislation on to an unrelated water bill, SB 1301. Today on the House floor the amendment was stripped off SB 1301 under threat of a point of order that could have killed the bill itself.

However, it ain't over 'til it's over. We now hear that Representative Larson will attempt to amend the water grid legislation on to SB 1337, set for House floor action this coming Sunday. Please <u>contact your State</u>

Representative and ask them to vote against such an amendment to SB 1337, or to any other water bills being heard this coming week. You can read more about this <u>here</u>.

Even if you have already called, please call again!

And now for the good news - <u>HB 158</u> by Lyle Larson, the bill to ensure that all the revenues from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax will be used for state parks and state historic sites, has passed BOTH houses of the Texas Legislature!

Thank you to all of you who have responded to the many alerts we have sent this session. It will all be over next week, and we hope to have some things, including stomping Gridzilla, to celebrate.

Have a great weekend!

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