Dear GEAA members and friends, The League of Women Voters (LWV) and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) are co-sponsoring a regional public forum:

> State Water: What You Should Know Saturday, Nov. 6th - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. GBRA River Annex, 905 Nolan, in Seguin, TX.

The purpose of the forum is to address issues regarding the allocation of water in Texas. Experts will describe the state water plan, the Region L water plan, information from the Headwaters region in Kerr County, current state regulations that govern the sale and transfer of water rights by river authorities, and the permitting of water transfers by groundwater districts.

Participants will also hear about upcoming legislation relating to water allocation.

Individuals from across the Guadalupe-Blanco watershed, from Kerrville to Victoria, are invited. Participants will have the opportunity to talk to each other in small groups about how regional water practices impact the communities throughout the watershed.

"As last summer's drought made clear, Texas has limited water resources. We who live in Central Texas are all too familiar with the competing interests of agriculture, industry, population growth and endangered species for that limited water supply," said Jensie Madden, from LWV-Comal Area. "Members of LWV want to know who makes the decisions about where the water goes, and how much can be pumped? Who is planning for future needs? Is water in Texas a resource or a commodity?"

These questions are part of a study by LWV of Texas, "State Water: What You Should Know." Representatives of local Leagues in Wimberley Valley, Victoria, San Marcos, San Antonio, Kerrville, and Comal areas have planned this day-long event as part of the LWV mission to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

To participate in "State Water: What You Should Know," please contact Kathy Hunt at (361) 573-1317 or kathyhunt@suddenlink.net. The cost will be \$10, which includes a box lunch, refreshments, and handouts.

I hope to see you there.
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- . What can the Legislature do to move us "beyond coal" to cleaner energy solutions?
- . How will legislators address major water issues?
- . Will the legislature tackle the challenges to our state's transportation system?

## Cost

Only \$25 per person with pre-registration by Nov. 11.
Registration at the door will be \$30 per person.
The pre-registration fee for students is only \$5 or \$10 at the door.
A current student ID is required at check-in for this reduced rate.
The registration fee includes LUNCH! with a Vegetarian option available. Plus workshop materials.

## Watch <a href="http://texas.sierraclub.org">http://texas.sierraclub.org</a> for the agenda and further details on registration!

Or, for more information, call the Sierra Club State Conservation Office in Austin at 512-477-1729.

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