



**SAWS customers will face increased rates in the near future to cover the cost of securing additional water supplies**

Dear San Antonio GEAA members and friends,

We have been calling on the SAWS Board members and our elected officials on City Council to engage the community in a discussion about San Antonio's future water needs. GEAA board member, Amy Hardberger, lays out these concerns in her recent blog, "[SAWS is challenged on water transparency](#)".

I went to one of the meetings mentioned in Amy's blog, and came away with the sense that San Antonian's definitely don't want to pay for water supplies to serve new development on the North Side. It seems like these concerns are being totally ignored. SAWS has stubbornly resisted [GEAA's request to amend their service area](#) so that they are not legally required to serve undeveloped areas on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone that stretch into Comal County.

It would be great if all of our members in the San Antonio area could unite in calling for a moratorium on SAWS issuing any new permits in the disputed area. Stay tuned for more on this. In a nutshell, we do not want SAWS installing additional sewage infrastructure within the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, and we do not want to pay for securing additional water supplies that will be used to serve new development on the recharge zone.

We should also call on [SAWS Board Members](#), [Mayor Castro](#), and [San Antonio City Council](#) to tell us more about their plans for purchasing additional water supplies before they sign a contract. It is up to us to get engaged in this issue so vital to the future of our city.

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