

Dear GEAA members and friends,

In today's news are two excellent bills that GEAA is pleased to endorse. [Senate Bill 198](#) and [House Bill 449](#), by Sen. [Kirk Watson](#) and Rep. [Dawna Dukes](#) would prevent Home Owners Associations (HOA's) from restricting xeriscaping. It's an issue that has received rising attention as the [drought](#) continues. Thanks and a tip of the hat to now SAWS President and CEO Robert Puente for filing similar bills during his past life as a State Representative.

Read more [here](#).

GEAA is looking for support in the form of witnesses who would be able to testify about xeriscaping and your HOA's involvement in xeriscaping. Folks who have stories to share (good or bad) please contact Annalisa@AquiferAlliance.org or Morgan.Scott@house.state.tx.us at the office of State Representative Dawna Dukes (512-463-0506). We will keep you posted on these bills, and alert you when further support is needed.

In the meanwhile, if you are interested in learning more about xeriscaping with native plants, the [San Antonio Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas](#) is offering excellent [workshops on this topic this spring](#).

For more on the big water issue that is dominating the 83rd Session, check out this excellent report from [State Impact Texas](#) on Preventing the [Texas Water Plan from becoming a boondoggle](#).

Lastly, if you need a reminder on why we are so engaged with the future of water in Texas, you might want to take the [Annual Tour of 700 Springs](#) to visit the headwaters of the South Llano River on March 9th.

Stay tuned for more...

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