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Capacity Building Grants Review Panel Gulf Research Program 500 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: San Antonio Bay Partnership Project - Headwaters to Tidewaters: Bridging the Gap. Using "Social Learning" To Increase Stakeholder and Scientific Community Capacity for Effective Participation in Water and Coastal Resources Management

Dear Review Panel Members,

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance is delighted to submit this letter in support of the San Antonio Bay Partners Project. A very challenging part of our mission is making those who rely on the Edwards Aquifer as their primary source of water aware of the connection between our groundwater and downstream flows to the bays and estuaries. We emphasize that Edwards water is a shared resource that is not to be wasted.



GEAA Yard Sign

This yard sign is just one way in which GEAA seeks to educate the public within our service area, which covers 21 counties in Central Texas, that we are all part of marvelous and interdependent ecosystem.

We anticipate that *Headwaters to Tidewaters: Bridging the Gap. Using "Social Learning" To Increase Stakeholder and Scientific Community Capacity for Effective Participation in Water and Coastal Resources Management* will greatly aid us in fulfilling our mission and hope for a favorable outcome for this request.

Sincerely,

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