



**Dear San Antonio GEAA members and friends,**

**As is often the case, I'm writing today with good news and bad news.**

**First, the good news...**

**The [Edwards Aquifer Authority](#) will be considering applicants for appointment to the vacant District 3 seat for the [Board of Trustees](#). While there are [several good candidates](#) who have thrown their hat into the ring, we are recommending former EAA Board member, George Rice. As of this date, GEAA Board member James Smyle has withdrawn his application in favor of George. It would be great if you could send a vote of confidence for George Rice to by contacting the EAA at 210-222-2204 / [esmith@edwardsaquifer.org](mailto:esmith@edwardsaquifer.org) .**

**Many of us here in San Antonio are delighted, as well, by the [nomination of three new Trustees for the San Antonio Water System](#) (SAWS) Board. GEAA enthusiastically supports the nomination of David McGee, Eduardo Parra and Amy Hardberger. With the exception of Mr. McGee, who we greatly respect as an incumbent, we feel that the expertise represented by Mr. Parra and Ms. Hardberger has been in short supply on the current SAWS Board. So, we were dismayed to receive news today that San Antonio City Councilman, Greg Brockhouse objects to the appointment of Amy Hardberger.**

**It is not on us to speculate on Councilman Brockhouse's motivations in objecting this appointment and we don't know who he has in mind that would trump Amy in terms of technical expertise but, we would like to remind him that it was [her voice](#) in 2016 that saved SAWS ratepayers bundles of cash when she led the charge in**

championing higher impact fees so that ratepayers didn't end up subsidizing new development. Later that year, then City Councilman Ron Nirenberg defended Amy's membership on the SAWS Capital Improvements Advisory Board when Mayor Ivy Taylor sought to have her removed. (Jog your memory by clicking [here](#).)

GEAA has worked with Amy as a member of our [Technical Advisory Board](#) and we have greatly appreciated her commitment to managing our water resources and our water rates wisely. Please take a minute to contact your [City Council Representative](#) to urge them to appoint all three nominees to the SAWS board without delay.

Stay tuned for news about the TCEQ public meeting on the permit for the [new Vulcan Quarry](#) proposed for Comal County (which I will be attending tonight), updates on the [Dripping Springs discharge permit](#), and more.

Lastly, a reminder that it's time for your annual GEAA membership renewal. Check your mailboxes for your renewal letter and please reply promptly and generously. If you are not a GEAA member, please consider joining us. You can join on-line by clicking [here](#), or mail a check to PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212. We need all the help we can get.

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