

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Many of you may recall the outrageous case last year where the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality Commissioners granted a permit to allow the Johnson Ranch subdivision to flood their neighbors at the Lux Graham Ranch with sewage effluent. Despite a recommendation from the State Office of Administrative Hearings to deny the Johnson Ranch wastewater discharge permit, a vote of two TCEQ Commissioners gave Johnson Ranch the ok to greatly reduce the value and enjoyment of the property of their neighbors.

Well, this coming Wednesday (12/14) at 2:00 PM at 201st District Court, Travis County Courthouse (1000 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78701) Judge Amy Clark Meachum will hear the appeal in which we hope for a ruling to deny the permit for the Johnson Ranch Waste Water Plant. Those of you who support property rights and oppose recharging the Edwards Aquifer with sewage effluent are invited to join us at the hearing. If you are so inclined, you can also contribute toward legal expenses by sending a check to GEAA at PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Please write Johnson Ranch in the subject line.

<u>Terra Paws</u>, the land stewards of the <u>New Braunfels Puppy Playland dog park</u>, needs your help. They keep the park looking great through planting, gardening, weed removal, etc. Most importantly to GEAA, they protect our water from coliform contamination by scooping poop at the Puppy Park. We encourage all of our friends in New Braunfels to <u>sign up here</u> to get Terrapaws newsletters and learn about work days and meet-ups at Puppy Playland. We appreciate anything you can do!

Look for our message next Tuesday that launches GEAA's Holiday Online Auction. You will have one week to bid on great gift items like an exclusive Feral Hog Hunt, a vacation at Marina Fiesta Resort and Spa in Cabo San Lucas, toys, jewelry, artworks, and plenty of offerings from throughout the Hill Country. So, stay tuned and bid early and often! And, last but not least, stay tuned for news about how the City of San Antonio and Bexar County plan to handle the <u>Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat</u> <u>Conservation Plan</u> to protect the warblers and endangered cave critters. Looks like there may be some foul plans in the making. We will keep you posted.

Stay warm and have a great weekend!

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<u>Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance</u>

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