

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Wow! I love social media! In response to the message sent on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>e-mail</u> yesterday requesting your assistance in saving Texas trees, we had over 50 shares and more than 1,200 people reached. Many more of you responded via e-mail that you had contacted your elected officials to voice your opposition to *Texas Hates Trees* legislation. You all are great!

If you haven't yet called your <u>State Senator</u>, we urge you to do so immediately to tell them you strongly oppose <u>CSHB 7</u>.

The Special Session ends on August 16th. You have six more days to talk trees with your legislators – the earlier the better. I will be keeping you posted.

Last Friday I presented at Greater Houston Environmental Summit on the *Impacts of Climate Change on Texas Cities*. (You can read my remarks <u>here</u>.) I am so proud that all of Texas' major cities have signed on to the <u>Mayors Climate Accord</u>! Check out this <u>Citiscope</u> article featuring San Antonio Mayor, Ron Nirenberg.

GEAA is joining others to encourage the City of San Antonio and all municipalities in our service area to apply for free Environmental Impact Bonds to improve stormwater drainage using green infrastructure and other innovative solutions aimed at building the resilience of vulnerable communities. The deadline is just 5 weeks away. Learn more about how these techniques protect and encourage recharge for the Edwards Aquifer here and here. Stay tuned for more.

And, if you are concerned about congressional inactivity on climate change and live in Will Hurd's Congressional District 23, you have an opportunity tomorrow to make your voice heard. Representative Hurd is holding a townhall on Saturday, August 12th at <u>Floore's Country Store</u>, around 2:00 PM (time approximate). To learn about the <u>Citizens' Climate Lobby</u> and its bipartisan approach and how you can help contact Stuart Birnbaum at stuartb424@gmail.com .

We are really making hay during summer vacation but, the GEAA office will be closed from August 17th through 22nd so staff can have a break.

Have a great weekend!

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