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Headwaters at Incarnate Word

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Hill Country Planning Association

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Kinney County Ground Zero

Leon Springs Business Association

Medina County Environmental Action

Native Plant Society of Texas – SA

Northwest Interstate Coalition of

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Preserve Castroville

Preserve Lake Dunlop Association

San Antonio Audubon Society

San Antonio Conservation Society

San Geronimo Valley Alliance

San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance

San Marcos River Foundation

Save Barton Creek Association

Save Our Springs Alliance

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West Texas Springs Alliance

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May 15, 2019

Senate Committee on Water and Rural Affairs

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RE: HB 3264

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Rural Affairs,

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) supports HB 3264 Relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of groundwater conditions in certain counties.

Given the contentious discussions over groundwater withdrawals form the Trinity and Edwards aquifers in the rapidly growing counties of Bell, Burnet, Milam, Travis, and Williamson, we believe an assessment of the effects of current and projected groundwater production on groundwater conditions is warranted and very much needed.

Good policy is based on good information. Having served on the Edwards Aquifer HCP stakeholders group for four years, I assure you that being able to consider such studies is priceless when faced with tough decisions over groundwater restrictions and equitable allocations.

Please help these folks out by passing HB 3264 to provide scientific inquiry and analysis regarding current and projected groundwater production and to assess the effects of that production on groundwater conditions as the basis for future decisions regarding allocation of this groundwater.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Executive Director

Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance