



Dear GEAA members and friends,

Whew! The session is over! Our wonderful UTSA intern, Shakira Wingate, and I have been busy researching the fate of the 95 bills that we were tracking during the 85th legislative session. Stay tuned for a report coming next week. You can read GEAA's comments on various bills [here](#) and, a good update on some bills of interest from the Alamo Group of the Sierra Club [here](#).

With all the talk this week about the US participation (and now non-participation) in the Paris Climate Accord, you may be interested in this free webinar on [How Sustainable are the Paris Climate Commitments?](#) I will be watching here at the office at 1809 Blanco Road if anyone would like to join me at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 8th. Or, [click here](#) to register to watch at your location.

To address concerns about changing weather patterns predicted to intensify droughts and flash flooding in the Hill Country, GEAA will be working with our member groups to encourage our regional municipalities to embrace planning for climate change. Fortunately, according to this article, [Trump decision on Paris Accord will change little for San Antonio](#), "The Alamo City's top business leaders said they remain committed to reducing their carbon footprint regardless of Trump's announcement." An added benefit to reducing carbon emissions is the positive effect that will have on surface water supplies. Some suspect that emissions from San Antonio's coal fired power plants have long been contributing [to elevated mercury levels in fish in Canyon Lake](#). It will be interesting to see if mercury levels in Canyon Lake striped bass and longnosed gar decrease after San Antonio's Deely power plant goes off-line next year.

Last but not least, if you received a second reminder to renew your GEAA membership in the mail recently, we certainly hope to hear from you. Thanks to all of you who have already responded. You renewals secured \$10,900 in matching funds from the S/M Hixon Foundation! We still have \$9,000 in matching funds on the table to double your donation of \$200 or more.

Membership donations in any amount are the lifeblood of GEAA. New members are always welcome and are eligible for the match. You can [click here](#) to make a donation on-line.

Have a great weekend!

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