



Member Organizations

Alamo, Austin, and Lone Star chapters of the Sierra Club

Bexar Audubon Society

Austin, Bexar and Travis Green Parties

Bexar Grotto

Boerne Together

Bulverde Neighborhood Alliance

Bulverde Neighbors for Clean Water

Cibolo Nature Center

Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek

Comal County Conservation Alliance

Environment Texas

First Universalist Unitarian Church of San Antonio

Friends of Canyon Lake

Friends of Dry Comal Creek

Friends of Government Canyon

Fuerza Unida

Green Society of UTSA

Guadalupe River Road Alliance

Guardians of Lick Creek

Headwaters at Incarnate Word

Helotes Heritage Association

Hill Country Planning Association

Kendall County Well Owners Association

Kinney County Ground Zero

Leon Springs Business Association

Medina County Environmental Action

Native Plant Society of Texas – SA

Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods

Preserve Castroville

Preserve Lake Dunlop Association

Preserve Our Hill Country Environment

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

Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance

Securing a Future Environment

SEED Coalition

Signal Hill Area Alliance

Solar San Antonio

Sisters of the Divine Providence

Texas Cave Management Association

Trinity Edwards Spring Protection Association

Water Aid – Texas State University

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

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FOR HB 4636

I submit this letter supporting a vote FOR HB 4636 on behalf of the 54 member organizations and thousands of individual members of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA).

A groundwater district is needed to manage withdrawals from the Edwards -Trinity Aquifer in Val Verde County. Since 2005, mayors of Del Rio have reached out to GEAA on numerous instances to ask for help in defeating various proposals to export water from Val Verde County. GEAA is concerned that over allocation of groundwater would threaten the flows from San Felipe Springs, the fourth largest springs in Texas. These spring flows are the source water of the San Filipe Creek which feeds into the Rio Grande. San Felipe Springs supply the city of Del Rio and Laughlin Air Force Base, with about 3,000 acre-feet per year delivered via the irrigation canals and used for agriculture. Val Verde County has many agricultural operations that rely on Edwards water, as well. All will be represented on the Board of Trustees under this enabling legislation.

We are very pleased to see that Representative Morales and Senator Gutierrez have both submitted legislation to create a Ground Water Conservation District (GCD) for Val Verde County and note that the main discrepancy between the two bills is in the appointment of members to serve as trustees for the new district. We trust this could be worked out in committee if need be. It is my sincere hope that a GCD for Val Verde County will be created during this legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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