

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT







Member Group Spotlight: Alamo Group of the Sierra Club

Mission

The mission of the <u>Alamo Group of the Sierra Club</u> is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth so that current and future generations may enjoy them. This mission involves practicing and promoting the responsible use of the earth's

ecosystems and resources, as well as educating and enlisting humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment through lawful means. The Alamo Group holds monthly meetings featuring prominent speakers on environmental topics and operates an active outings and hiking program.

History and Progress

The Alamo Group first formed in 1968. In the early 1970s, it advocated against large developments in Olmos Park Basin and on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, including the Northern Expressway and San Antonio Ranch. The group successfully filed lawsuits against these developments, reducing environmentally damaging footprints.

In 1991, the Lone Star Chapter filed a lawsuit in the Federal District Court of Lucius Bunton. It invoked provisions of the ESA to require that minimum springflows be maintained at Comal and San Marcos Spring to protect the endangered species present in those ecosystems. A favorable ruling in the lawsuit lead the Texas Legislature to establish the Edwards Aquifer Authority for the aforementioned purposes.

The Alamo Group has maintained similar outstanding conservation efforts, using legal processes to oppose harmful developments and protect natural ecosystems, including endangered species and spring flows vital to the health of the aquifer. Today, their work focuses on advancing policies that protect natural resources, create economic opportunities, and hold polluters accountable. Working within state and local political systems, the Alamo Group is pushing for clean energy, a modernized electrical grid, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

Upcoming Events

• Alamo Group General Meeting on August 19th

How to follow and support

- Join the Alamo Group community by <u>signing up for their newsletter and</u> <u>meeting announcements.</u>
- Learn how you can volunteer with the Alamo Group <u>here.</u>

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