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GEAA Member Group Spotlight: Kerr County Water Alliance

The Kerr County Water Alliance was formed, with significant support from the Hill Country Alliance, in July 2023 by Kerr County residents concerned about severe drought, extreme weather, limited water supplies, and the pressures that continued growth places on both groundwater and surface water. Its membership includes people from the City of Kerrville and communities throughout Kerr County, bringing together residents with varied professional backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.

What began as a citizen working group has developed into a countywide organization focused on public education, community dialogue, and evidence-based advocacy. KCWA has hosted community water

forums focused on community concerns, presentations by water and land stewardship experts including Robert Mace, and Andy and April Sansom, floodplain education programs in partnership with the Texas Floodplain Management Association, and ongoing public tours of Kerrville's water treatment and water reclamation facilities. The organization also shares practical resources to help residents understand local aquifers, drought, flood risk, river stewardship, conservation, and the systems that provide and protect the community's water.

Our Mission

KCWA's mission is to raise awareness in Kerr County about the sources, limitations, and quality of regional water resources and to advocate for solutions that promote water conservation.

KCWA envisions a future in which county residents understand the importance of protecting shared water resources and Kerr County's waters are managed for long-term sustainability. The organization works toward that vision through community outreach, education, partnerships, and evidence-based advocacy.

Current and Upcoming Work

Hope for the Guadalupe Screening and All-Member Meeting

On September 11, 2026, KCWA will hold an all-member and community gathering at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority. The program will include an update on KCWA's work, a screening of *Hope for the Guadalupe*, and a facilitated discussion with people involved in river recovery and related work. The event will provide space to consider what the community has learned about the Guadalupe River, recovery, and long-term resilience.

Water Wise Kerr County Community Learning Series

KCWA is partnering with the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library to offer **Water Wise Kerr County**, a monthly community learning series running from September through May. Using Charles Fishman's *The Big Thirst* as a starting point, participants will connect national water issues to Kerr County topics such as groundwater, drought, water reuse, infrastructure, landscaping, pricing, and conservation. Each session will combine guided discussion with local examples, guest speakers, and practical takeaways, with the goal of building shared water knowledge and identifying useful next steps for homeowners, POAs and HOAs, and the wider community.

Water Reclamation Facility Tour

On October 17, 2026, KCWA will host a guided public tour of the City of Kerrville Water Reclamation Facility. Participants will learn how wastewater is treated, how reclaimed water is safely reused, and how the facility helps protect the Guadalupe River and the surrounding Hill Country environment.

KCWA is also developing a homeowner water-conservation initiative beginning with local homeowners' associations, a collaborative water-wise landscaping workshop with the Kerrville Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, interpretive "water walks," youth programming, and a spring 2027 tour of Kerrville's surface water treatment facility. The organization continues to support broader riparian restoration and recovery efforts intended to strengthen stream banks, river corridors, water quality, and community resilience throughout Kerr County.

Ways to Connect and Support

Community members can:

- Join KCWA's mailing [list](#) and attend [public programs](#)

- Become a [member](#) or volunteer.
- Connect on (recently established) [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
- Help KCWA follow local water issues and public meetings.
- Support water education, advocacy, and riparian restoration through a donation.

KCWA welcomes residents from across Kerr County who want to learn more, participate in practical conservation efforts, and help protect the waters on which the community depends.