

Dear GEAA Members and Friends,

GEAA member groups, [Lone Star Sierra Club](#) and [San Marcos River Foundation](#), have been working tirelessly to represent our common interests on the Colorado/Lavaca and Guadalupe/San Antonio Stakeholder committees. Now, we need your help to make sure that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules reflect the recommendations adopted by consensus of the stakeholders.

Sierra Club has made it easy to [register your support](#). Or, if you prefer, send your comments [directly to TCEQ](#). A sample letter is provided below.

For more information on the Environmental Flows Process please [click here](#). Please see the following websites for specific information on this rulemaking and links to the stakeholder recommendations for the [Colorado/Lavaca BBASC](#) and the [Guadalupe/San Antonio BBASC](#).

Your help is needed now to make sure that the TCEQ does right by our rivers and bays, and all who depend on them.

Have a great weekend!

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Dear Concerned Citizen,

Fish and wildlife throughout Texas and along the Texas coast depend upon flowing water in our rivers and freshwater inflows into our bays and estuaries -- and we Texans depend upon those fish and wildlife for our recreational enjoyment, our economy, and our quality of life.

**Protect Texas
Rivers and
Bays!**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is currently developing rules that might undermine the health of Central and South Central Texas rivers and bays forever. As a result of these rules environmental protections will be placed on new water rights.

Please take action NOW to urge TCEQ staff to propose a set of rules that will maintain the water flows for our rivers and bays.

TCEQ staff should use recommendations adopted by the Colorado/Lavaca and Guadalupe/San Antonio Stakeholder committees (BBASC) in developing their rules package. The Stakeholder committee members devoted thousands of hours working together to develop recommendations that strike a balance of providing water for the environment and that also allowing for future water development for human needs.

The rules developed by TCEQ will affect not only the rivers and bays of Central and South Central Texas ♦ they will help determine the future of businesses, industries and nature lovers that rely on healthy flowing rivers and abundant bays.

Crabs, shrimp, and oysters require a mix of fresh water and saltwater to reproduce. In turn migratory birds depend upon blue crabs and other species for their food supply. Adequate flows of freshwater are necessary to maintain healthy populations of these species. This critical relationship is specifically what the stakeholder group's recommendation is designed to protect!

[Send comments NOW to the TCEQ staff urging them to propose standards for environmental flows that are truly protective of Texas rivers and bays and the important fish and wildlife species dependent upon them!](#)

Thank you,

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P.S.

We need your help to spread the word about this important issue. Please [forward this message to your friends and colleagues](#) and ask them to help protect Texas rivers and bays. And update your social media circles:

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Dear TCEQ Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for your agency's adoption of environmental flow standards consistent with those in the environmental flow recommendations reports put forward by the Colorado & Lavaca Rivers/Matagorda & Lavaca Bays area Stakeholder Committee and the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission & Aransas Rivers/Mission, Copano, Aransas, & San Antonio Bays area Stakeholder Committee.

I care deeply about both sustaining a healthy environment and allowing for a sufficient supply of fresh water resources for human uses. Both of the recommendations packages that you have before you for your consideration strike a very carefully crafted balance that aims to achieve both of these goals. For this reason, they should each be adopted as recommended by the respective Stakeholder Committees.

Coming to agreement on water allocation in Texas is no small feat. A broad breadth of stakeholders representing seventeen different interest groups participated in the arduous process of balancing diverse interests to come up with an agreeable solution that provides water for both people and the environment. It is critically important that the hard work these committees put into coming to agreement on these recommendations be given deference. If the recommendations packages put forward are dismantled, you run the risk of losing the stakeholder support that was so carefully achieved over the last 18 months and through thousands of man-hours of careful deliberations.

We must find a way to protect our natural heritage here in Texas while we simultaneously allow water development to occur. The stakeholder recommendations that you have before you represent a tremendous step forward in how to make that happen. I encourage your agency to seize the opportunity that is before you by adopting the recommendations of the Colorado/Lavaca and Guadalupe/San Antonio stakeholder committees as presented.

Sincerely,