

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Yesterday, the annual membership renewal letters went out, so look for yours in the mail. **As an incentive to increase your support to GEAA, the Steve and Marty Hixon Foundation has pledged to match all donations of new members - and your donation if you renew your membership at any amount over what you gave in 2012.** I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to double your donation by giving a bit more, and by recruiting new members.

Some of you have been members of GEAA since we first started uniting folks from around the Hill Country in 2004. Our most generous supporters – people like you – are our most credible advocates. I want to send out a special thanks to those of you who have responded to our legislative alerts. As you must know, water is a big issue for the 83rd session – which means that we must be more vigilant and engaged than ever. I can't tell you how much your membership enhances our credibility with our elected officials. They are very impressed with the sheer numbers of folks like you who contribute financially to GEAA. Likewise, the fact that all positions taken by GEAA reflect the consensus of fifty-one very diverse organizations adds weight to our positions. Thanks to you, GEAA is recognized as one of the most effective advocates for rational and thoughtful water policy in the state, and as one of the few alliances that is constantly vigilant about protecting water quality.

If you are not yet a supporting member of GEAA, please consider becoming one today. You can send membership donations to us at GEAA, PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212. **Or, if you are so inclined, you can donate right now by clicking [here](#).** Believe me, your generosity is the only reason GEAA is not totally running on empty at this time when our advocacy for our shared vision is needed more than ever. I hope to hear from you soon.

Have a great weekend!

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