

Dear GEAA members and friends,

I apologize for the inconvenience; we have to reschedule the Citizens to Be Heard rally to **Wednesday, May 29th**. [Read more here](#).

GEAA invites you to engage the Mayor and City Council of San Antonio in a dialogue about development on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, and whether or not we should expand SAWS service into Comal County. Citizens of Comal County are welcome; development in this area could affect your wells and springs.

Once again, it seems that we need to remind City Council that we do not want to subsidize development on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Not on Our Water, Not with Our Money!

**On Wednesday, May 29th at 6:pm City Council has a B Session that includes "Citizens to be Heard". This is an opportunity for individual citizens to address City Council. The meeting takes place at City Council Chambers on the first floor of the Municipal Plaza Building, 114 W. Commerce, San Antonio and starts at 6 p.m.**

The impact of intensive development on the Galo property could [endanger millions of Mexican Freetail Bats](#) who make Bracken Bat Preserve the largest colony of mammals in the world *and* future residents of Crescent Hills. It would also compromise the utility of the Cibolo Canyon Preserve as protected habitat for the Golden Cheek Warbler and the value of the mitigation credits that the US Army has purchased from the Preserve.

We are asking:

- That City Council rescind the service contract approved by the SAWS Board for water and sewage service to Crescent Hills
- That SAWS amend their CCN permit so that they are not the sole service provider for part of Comal County
- For a large buffer zone to protect the Bracken Bat Cave, similar to the buffer zone that protects the Toyota Plant, and for enforcement of San Antonio's 15% Impervious Cover Limit as required on this site.

We have been informed by the City of San Antonio that they will not be enforcing our Water Quality and Tree Preservation ordinances in Comal County. If true, this is all the more reason that SAWS service should not be provided to the Crescent Hills Development in Comal County. We hope that hearing from citizens on this issue will prompt the Mayor, City Council, and the SAWS Board to actions that will protect our primary source of water and curtail high density development of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

**Please join us at Citizens to Be Heard to speak or just bear witness.** If you are coming, please notify the Mayor's Office and your Council representative and ask that they stay to hear the people.

If you are interested in speaking, instructions for sign-up are:

- Citizens must register between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to speak. The [link to register online](http://www.sanantonio.gov/yourcity/meetingappear.aspx) becomes available on Wednesday at 8 a.m. at this website: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/yourcity/meetingappear.aspx>
- Alternatively, between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., citizens can register in person at the Registration Desk on the afternoon of the meeting.
- Citizens are given 3 minutes each to speak about their issue, and groups of 3 or more are given a total of 9 minutes. You can yield your time if you like to someone who may have a longer presentation.

**We encourage all SAWS ratepayers *and* all people who don't want to subsidize sprawl on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone to join us on May 29th in urging the San Antonio City Council to rescind SAWS service to Crescent Hills.**

If you cannot attend - **Please contact the [Mayor and your City Council Representative](#) to voice your concerns.**

**We hope to see you at City Hall on May 29th!**

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