

Dear San Antonio GEAA members and friends,

Is it a jinx to share good news on Friday the 13th? I hope not, because I have plenty of good news to report today.

I am very pleased to inform you that GEAA's newest member group, [Friends of Dry Comal Creek](#), scored a major victory in their fight with the Meyers Ranch subdivision opposing a permit to allow direct discharge of sewage effluent into Dry Comal Creek and, ultimately, the Edwards Aquifer. A [negotiated settlement](#) now requires that 200 acres of open space be set aside in the new subdivision for beneficial reuse of the effluent. The developer will also be required to substantially upgrade the sewage plant to a far higher standard of treatment, perform groundwater monitoring, and comply with other measures to ensure that sewage from the subdivision is far less of a threat to the quality of the waters of Dry Comal Creek and the Edwards Aquifer. We wish equal success to our folks [in Bulverde](#) and [Fair Oaks Ranch](#), who are working with GEAA to oppose other permits for bad sewage infrastructure on their part of the Recharge Zone. A big hand for all these folks who are stepping up in a major way to protect our Aquifer!

The City of San Marcos [became the second city in Texas to ban the use of coal tar sealants](#) last week! Austin was the first in 2005. San Antonio will soon deliberate whether to become the third. A big thanks to those of you who sent messages in support of [San Antonio's ban](#). If you have yet to do so, you have until May 29th to send a brief statement in favor of the ban to Liza Meyers at Liza.Meyer@sanantonio.gov. Let's hear it for all good folks engaged in these efforts to keep this [nasty stuff](#) out of our water!

Meanwhile, down in Quihi, GEAA member group, [Medina County Environmental Action Association](#), continues [the fight](#) to keep privately owned Vulcan Quarry from assuming the right of eminent domain to take land from ranchers to bisect their properties with a rail line that has wrongly been designated a "common carrier". These folks are going on 17 years in this battle and are still valiantly fighting this blatant assault on their property rights. Likewise, the Graham and Lux families continue [to fight](#) a taking of their property by the Johnson Ranch subdivision. Please [contact GEAA](#) if you would like to support either or both of these efforts to stop Texas-sanctioned abuse of eminent domain.

In San Antonio, we are pleased to report that SAWS did not submit a request to the Texas Water Development Board to fund the integration infrastructure

of the Vista Ridge Pipeline, an action that could have obligated SAWS ratepayers to repay the loan if the project failed.

Last but not least, Save Our Springs Alliance requests that we all take immediate action to protect the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Zilker Park, Barton Springs, and Lady Bird Lake by withholding state funding for the proposed SH 45 SW and Mopac South toll loop project. You can sign on [here](#).

Wishing everyone success in all your endeavors and a great weekend!

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