

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Seems like passage of the bad bill that I reported on yesterday is going to have some unintended consequences. Thanks to all of you who have contacted representatives who voted for HB 1865/SB 709. If you have yet to do so, you might want to include [this report](#) in your communication. According to the Texas Tribune, the legislation is so bad it might cause the EPA to reconsider delegating permitting authority to the State of Texas.

On other news, below is a list of Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) that are coming up for approval by the Legislature:

Subject: Special Districts & Authorities--Municipal Utility Districts

[HB 4214](#)

Relating to the creation of the Legacy Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

[SB 2070](#)

Relating to the powers and duties of the Headwaters Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds and impose taxes.

[SB 2071](#)

Relating to the dissolution of the Rebecca Creek Municipal Utility District.

[SB 2072](#)

Relating to the creation of the Hays County Municipal Utility District No. 7; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

[SB 2074](#)

Relating to the creation of the Legacy Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Since many of you live in areas that might be impacted by these new developments, you would do well to check them out and weigh in as soon as possible. GEAA would like to see an interim charge calling on our legislators to re-examine the powers granted to MUDS. Communications to your legislators requesting this is greatly appreciated.

A big thanks to all of you who contributed a total \$2,250 to GEAA through the Big Give SA! Of that amount, \$1,400 will be matched by the S/M Hixon Foundation, bringing the total up to \$3,635. Yea!

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