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Environmental group lays out legislative agenda
Will focus efforts on local county control of the Edwards Aquifer
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AUSTIN (1/11/07) - Holding up a banner reading, "Save Hill Country, Protect Edwards Aquifer," representatives from the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) today held a press conference to announce the group's objectives for the 80th Legislature. GEAA unites 36 groups throughout Central and South Texas behind a comprehensive plan to protect the Edwards Aquifer, its adjoining aquifers, springs and contributing watersheds within 21 counties of Texas Hill Country.

GEAA's theme for this session is increasing local county control of the aquifer. This includes opposing legislation that would increase pumping caps, supporting permanent protection and conservation of the region, and regulating the surrounding land development of quarries. Dr. Bob Fitzgerald of Medina County captured the overall sentiment of the group when stating, "water quality is as important as water quantity." He added that he hopes this will be the session when legislators agree.

Click [here](#) to view GEAA's legislative agenda.

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