

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Today I received a news clipping from the Uvalde Leader News with a [headline about GEAA](#). If you scroll below the GEAA article, you can read another article about how this latest drought is already taking its toll on our friends in Uvalde.

That we are making news all over Texas proves that we have formed an alliance that is truly regional. We have all banded together to make sure that water resources are equitably allocated to all who rely on the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers. That we can achieve consensus on such issues is truly remarkable! For that I must credit the leadership of our very diverse group of [member organizations](#).

As we proceed through this legislative session, I can assure you that GEAA is recognized for our expertise and our common sense approach to water issues. Our [Legislative Agenda for the 82nd Session](#) has been widely distributed and noticed at the Capitol. During visits with our legislative delegation from the Edwards region this past Wednesday, I was very pleased to see how many of the legislative aides had already read our agenda, made comments, and had questions for me. As for the legislators themselves, those with whom I visited commented that they were very impressed with how thorough our agenda was, and that it called their attention to this or that bill that had not been on their radar. Some of them definitely let me know that they had heard from you, our members.

The 82nd session will be over at the end of May, and whether our shared concerns will fare well is up to us. I am writing to thank all of you who have taken the time to call your legislators in response to our alerts and all of you who responded so promptly to our request for emergency donations. And, we all must thank those legislators who are working with us to further our agenda. With such strong support, we are definitely making things happen (or not happen!) at the State Capitol.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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