



## **EAA Legislative Priorities for the 87<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Texas Legislature**

### *Initiate and Educate*

1. Take appropriate actions to: (1) educate members of the EAA's intent to reinvigorate its mission to manage, enhance, and protect the Edwards Aquifer system through the region-wide initiatives identified in the "Next Generation" concept; (2) educate members regarding existing EAA programs and initiatives; and (3) address any concerns that may arise from the Legislature.

### *Facilitate*

2. Support legislation that benefits EAA programs through participation with the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts and the Texas Water Conservation Association.

### *Monitor and Inform*

3. Monitor any proposed legislation regarding attorneys' fees as they relate to groundwater districts through participation with the Texas Water Conservation Association.
4. Monitor any proposed legislation concerning wastewater discharge permitting on or near the Contributing Zone of the Edwards Aquifer and, as necessary, inform the Legislature of the EAA's position to support a science-based approach to water quality concerns.
5. Monitor any proposed legislation regarding pipeline regulations within the EAA's jurisdiction, in particular as it may relate to the contributing and recharge zones of the Edwards Aquifer.

### *Monitor and Engage*

6. Take measures as may be necessary that ensure the integrity of the EAA Act.