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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284

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The Edwards Aquifer in Texas is one of the largest, purest aquifers in the world. This Karst region also supports habitat for one of the most ecologically diverse areas in the world supporting habitat for more than a dozen endangered species. San Antonio is the largest city in the world that depends on a single ground water supply for it's sole supply of drinking water. It is becoming increasingly obvious that these local governments are not capable of protecting the quality of these natural resources. So far the largest obstacle encountered in protecting these resources has been SAWS, Tx Dot, CPSE and TCEQ. by providing all the necessary infrastructure and permits necessary for allowing high density development to occur within environmentally sensitive areas against the will of the private property owners and the popular vote. The Quhie situation will add to the wide spread degradation of this Karst aquifer and will increase the possibilities for catastrophic contamination of this aquifer. Please address this situation for this is not a priority of our local government

Thank you; Neil Hernandez