

## ***News from the Helotes Heritage Association***

Dear Readers,

There are important meetings next week in Kerrville on 9/11 and Wimberley on 9/13 that will have a profound effect on Hill Country spring flow. There may be another meeting in N. Bexar County later, the following week, but that date is still not set. These public meetings are being held by the Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 9, set up to tell the Texas Water Development Board what the Desired Future Conditions of their groundwater districts will be, among other tasks. GMA 9 covers the Hill Country region including Blanco, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Comal, Medina, N. Bexar and other counties.

It is urgent that the public express its concerns to the GMA 9 representatives (all the groundwater districts in our region). The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA)'s white paper is clear on its vision for the future of the hill country, and how this should include flowing springs. HHA strongly supports this vision. Overpumping of groundwater can deplete the source of spring recharge. Consequently we will be asking the GMA 9 to include flowing springs for our region in their Desired Future Conditions report to the TWDB. Unfortunately, the GMA 9 may not list flowing springs as part of its Desired Future Conditions report, and is only considering the provision of all water supplies requested for growth in the region. Please attend the GMA 9 meetings to express your concerns.

See below:

### **Two Groundwater Management Area #9 Public Meetings**

Two Public Meetings will be held and the following locations and times:

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Kerrville at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Auditorium, 125 Lehmann Dr. , Kerrville , Texas .**

**Thursday, September 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the "Senior Lounge" of the Wimberley Community Center, located at 14070 Ranch Road 12, (north of the River Road traffic light just west of downtown near the bank) Wimberley, Texas.**

for the following purposes:

#### **Agenda**

1. A public briefing on the status of the cooperative groundwater management planning effort being conducted in GMA-9, and laying out two options for proposed desired future conditions of local aquifers.
2. Public comment and advice will be accepted regarding proposed desired future conditions of local aquifers.

Sincerely,  
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