



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

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that we announce SAWS's Board of Trustees' decision to reject an agreement to provide water to the Hills of Castle Rock development in NW Bexar County and beyond. HHA had teamed with the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA), San Geronimo Valley Alliance (SGVA), Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas (AGUA), and the Hill Country Planning Alliance (HCPA) to oppose this action.

We want to recognize the courage and vision of the SAWS's Board of Trustees for taking this stance and unanimously voting to protect this area from high-density development. We especially want to credit the leadership of Mayor Hardberger for his clear message to the community "Density development in a sensitive zone simply is not a good thing for the citizens of San Antonio, for our city, for our neighbors or for our water".

Details of the SAWS's Board's action can be found at the Express News site:  
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/metro/stories/MYSA120507.01A.saws.6b1b6146.html>

HHA, GEAA, SGVA, AGUA, and HCPA look forward to similar collegial and forward-thinking interactions with SAWS to resolve SAWS plans to amend their CCN's to extend water and sewer service to the Hill Country. We look forward to continued leadership from the SAWS Board of Trustees to make decisions that protect the long-term health of our water resources and reject the pressures by developers and their plans for high-density development of sensitive environments.

Sincerely,  
Ron Green, President  
Helotes Heritage Association