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It is my understanding that a hearing will be held to evaluate extending protection for the the Edwards Acquirer into Bell County.

Development is coming to Bell county whether we like it or not. It is imperative that we get out in front of the issues that are sure to arise - availability and protection of clean water resources being paramount.

I would like to go on record as requesting that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality initiate the scientific investigation and rulemaking process necessary to evaluate extending the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program to the full scientifically supported extent of the Edwards Balcones Fault Zone Aquifer in Bell County, including the appropriate recharge, transition, contributing, and hydrologically connected areas identified through that process.

Furthermore, I ask that TCEQ undertake this effort cooperatively and transparently, engaging as many of the affected stakeholders as possible.

The ultimate regulatory boundaries must be scientifically supported, should not be determined by any single interested party, and should be determined using the best available hydrogeologic information, appropriate field investigation and mapping, and TCEQ's technical expertise.

Respectfully,

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