

# Bandera Canyonlands Alliance

Neighbors working together to protect and preserve the natural beauty  
and rural way of life in the Bandera Canyonlands

*Established 2007*

Dear Canyonlanders and Friends,

This letter is an invitation, a recap and a look forward for BCA.

Thanks to all of you who attended our Fall 2019 meeting on October 12. We packed the building! We were especially pleased to see so many new folks; we invite you to join us! (Dues are \$35 a year.) While we are all relieved that the Enterprise M2E4 pipeline will not be built through our sensitive canyonlands, our presenters at the meeting made it clear that this will not be the only threat to the environment and our way of life that we will face. Beyrl Armstrong, the chairman of our Rapid Response Committee, detailed the challenge of this event and Ken Halliday, a BCA member whose home would have been most disastrously affected by the proposed route, shared the importance of a united, rapid response to such challenges. David Braun, an attorney who represents landowners, made it clear that as landowners we have no legal rights against “eminent domain”, our success this time was unique. We will not always have the significant support of such as the City of San Antonio, the Edwards Aquifer Authority or the Nueces River Authority. Cliff Kaplan, from the Hill Country Alliance, showed us just how invasive and how numerous are the challenges to the Hill Country in general.

Going forward:

- We need to “stay on our toes”, to act quickly as a group to be effective and be better prepared to identify and meet the next threat. Please provide BCA your email address so that we may rapidly and thoroughly communicate.
- There is a need to reinforce the Rapid Response Committee with more funds, to expand our presence on the web through social media and our website and to expand our membership. Invite your neighbors! BCA is a 501 c(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization. We will continue working to educate landowners on issues affecting our area and Texas as a whole.
- BCA will ally itself with effective, non-partisan advocacy groups that can work with the legislature to strengthen the protection of our clear running springs, creeks, and rivers. As concerned landowners, BCA will work to gather current and historical water quality. In the coming weeks, BCA will be working with the Bandera County River Authority to recruit volunteers and participating landowners to join the Texas Stream Team to establish baseline flows, clarity and cleanliness of springs, creeks, and rivers in the Bandera Canyonlands.
- We will also work with other landowner organizations and advocacy groups on the issues of eminent domain and the pipeline routing process by using our organization’s skills at education and outreach, especially to our political leaders.

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