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A Return to Stage 1 Pumping Restrictions for users in the San Antonio Pool

San Antonio, TX – The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) declares Stage 1 pumping reductions for users within the San Antonio Pool effective Wednesday, March 24, 2021. It was officially confirmed that the 10-day average at the index well in Bexar County (J-17) dropped below the threshold of 660 to 659.7 feet above mean sea level (ft msl). The EAA declares Stage 1 based on declining water levels and diminished springflow.

Stage 1 of the EAA drought plan requires Edwards groundwater permit holders in Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, and Medina counties to reduce their annual authorized pumping amount by 20 percent. The purpose of mandatory pumping reductions is to stabilize water levels and springflow until rainfall replenishes the aquifer. Stage 1 reductions apply to all Edwards Aquifer groundwater permit holders authorized to pump more than three acre-feet annually. All affected permit holders must also report their pumping totals to the EAA on a monthly basis.

Residents and businesses who receive their water from a public water system are encouraged to contact their water provider directly to find out how Stage 1 reductions could affect them. More information on Stage 1 requirements is available by calling the EAA Critical Period Team at (866) 931-3239 or by visiting the EAA website at www.edwardsaquifer.org.

The EAA is a regional water management agency that manages, enhances and protects the Edwards Aquifer, a major groundwater system serving approximately 2 million South Central Texans. The EAA jurisdiction spans across 8 counties including Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, and parts of Atascosa, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal and Hays counties.

More information can be found at www.edwardsaquifer.org