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EAA Implements Telecommuting Workforce as Precautionary Measures Are Taken to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

San Antonio, TX – The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) will transition to a telecommuting, virtual workforce beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, and continuing through to Friday, April 3, 2020.

Out of a preponderance of precaution and a desire to prevent the needless spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease) the EAA will impose an organizational self-quarantine. During this time, the EAA will limit face-to-face interactions with the public through the following practices:

- **Telecommuting** -- The EAA will transition to a large-scale virtual workforce, meaning that at least 90 percent of EAA personnel will work remotely from home through telecommuting technology daily. Only staff essential to daily operations that require an on-site presence will report to work in person.
- **Social Distancing** -- The EAA will conduct business with the public, when possible, through virtual means that achieve the effect of social distancing – that is, by email, online interactions, or telephone, and on a limited basis through face-to-face interactions via pre-scheduled meetings.

“To be clear, the EAA will continue to uphold its mission to manage, enhance and protect the Edwards Aquifer through this time”, states Roland Ruiz, EAA General Manager. “This effort is designed to prioritize the safety of the community, while staying true to, and carrying out, our mission.”

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.

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