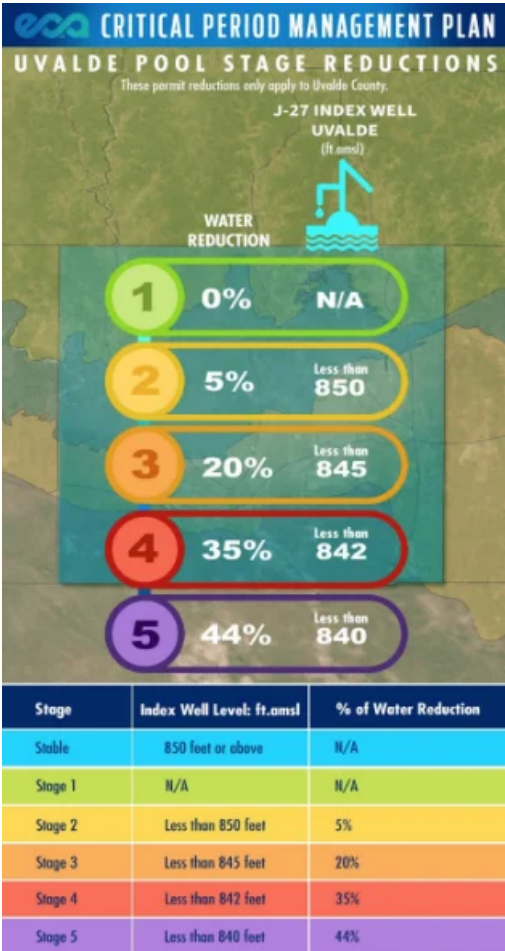


Edwards Aquifer Authority lifts pumping curtailments as water levels rise

Staff report
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The Edwards Aquifer Authority, a groundwater conservation district that manages, enhances and protects the Edwards Aquifer, announced that it has lifted all Critical Period Management (CPM) pumping curtailments for withdrawal permit holders in the Uvalde Pool of their jurisdiction, effective Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Lifting the CPM was decided by improved aquifer conditions as the 10-day average at the J-27 index well measured 850 feet above mean sea level, a press release stated, which is above the threshold for all stage restrictions within the Uvalde Pool.



The chart shows Uvalde Pool stage restrictions placed by the Edwards Aquifer Authority. Courtesy of the Edwards Aquifer Authority





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Due to prolonged drought, the pool has been under some stage of CPM reductions since June of 2022, but significant rainfall across the region throughout July this year has the Uvalde Pool trending upward in recent weeks, the release stated.

The Edwards Aquifer is a major groundwater system serving approximately two-and-one-half million South Central Texans, and the EAA jurisdiction spans across eight counties including Uvalde, Medina, Bexar and parts of Atascosa, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal and Hays counties.

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