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## **EAA declares a decrease to Stage 1 Critical Period for users in the San Antonio Pool**

**San Antonio, TX** – The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) staff confirmed that on Thursday, September 13, the San Antonio Pool was above the Stage 2 threshold for conditions. EAA staff closely monitor water levels at the Uvalde County Index Well (J-27), the Bexar County Index Well (J-17), and discharge at Comal and San Marcos springs to evaluate aquifer levels and spring discharge trends.

Therefore, the **San Antonio Pool is now in Stage I critical period** due to the following findings from September 13:

- The daily high, water level at Index Well J-17 was 664.5 ft mean sea level (msl) and the 10-day average was 657.2 ft msl.
- Comal Springs discharge was at 239 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the 10-day average was 203 cfs.
- San Marcos Springs discharge was at 147 cfs and the 10-day average was 133 cfs.

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. 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 monthly.

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](http://www.edwardsaquifer.org). The Edwards Aquifer Authority manages, enhances and protects the Edwards Aquifer, a major groundwater system serving approximately 2 million South Central Texans.