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### **EAA declares the San Antonio Pool has exited Critical Period Stage Restrictions**

**San Antonio, TX** – The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) staff confirmed that on Saturday, September 15, the daily high, water level at the Bexar County Index Well (J-17) was 667.1 ft mean sea level (msl) and the 10-day average was 660.5 ft msl. Aquifer levels and springs discharges continue to increase, which indicate that Stage 1 conditions are no longer present in the San Antonio Pool.

Furthermore, as of September 15, discharge at Comal and San Marcos springs have been impacted by surface water runoff and are currently estimated values by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Comal Springs discharge was estimated by the USGS at 284 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the 10-day average was estimated at 238 cfs. San Marcos Springs discharge was estimated to be 160 cfs and the 10-day average was 150 cfs.

Therefore, after baseflow conditions return (i.e. conditions are not being influenced by stormwater runoff) to the area around the Comal and San Marcos springs, the USGS will finalize the discharge numbers. As a result, the actual day the San Antonio Pool exited Stage 1 may be adjusted.

More information regarding critical period requirements are 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.