



ASR PROGRAM

For a limited time, the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) is offering permit holders the opportunity to enroll in the new ASR Program. This new ASR program is a forbearance program, meaning the water enrolled in the program will be neither leased nor pumped and stored into the SAWS Twin Oaks ASR Project as in previous years. In fact, the water you enroll is yours to use, lease, or conserve when the 10-year annual recharge average is above 500,000 acre-feet. Forbearance is only required the year after a determination has been made that the 10-year annual recharge average is at or below 500,000 acre-feet. The last time the 10-year average fell below this trigger was from 1946 - 1959 the most severe drought on record and considered as the drought of record (1951-1956).

This water conservation program is designed to protect springflow for federally listed threatened and endangered species during times of severe, long-term droughts by financially compensating municipal, industrial, and irrigation permit holders who enroll all or part of their groundwater rights for the benefit of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP).

To ensure that federally listed threatened and endangered species that rely heavily on Comal and San Marcos Springs receive long term springflow protection, the EAA is looking for long term (9-year) commitments by permit holders.

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TERM	RATE	TRIGGER
9 Year	\$100 per acre-foot per year	10 year rolling average of annual recharge is at or below 500,000 acre-feet

















If you wish to help our efforts in protecting springflow and also receive long term financial compensation you must act soon.

The deadline for enrollment is November 1, 2019 or until enrollment is full.

Interested permit holders should contact Javier Hernandez, Special Projects Liaison, at 210-477-5148 or jhernandez@edwardsaquifer.org for more information.

Visit the quick links section at edwardsaquifer.org for more information on this program.

Comparison of ASR and VISPO

ASR PROGRAM	 PRICING Flat fee of \$100 per acre-foot per year in both standby years and forbearance years	 PROGRAM TRIGGER 10-year annual recharge average is at or below 500,000 acre-feet. Forbearance occurs in the year following the recharge average determination	 CAN USE WATER AS NORMAL OUTSIDE OF FORBEARANCE YEARS Yes	 LENGTH OF AGREEMENT 9 years* <small>* Note that the length of term will decrease incrementally after year 2020, with any future agreements expiring at the end of 2028</small>
	 RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED WATER AVAILABLE TO ENROLL Yes - Open to all permit holders	 FREQUENCY OF PROGRAM TRIGGER More frequently during repeat of drought of record (1950s type conditions). Would have triggered every year during the drought of record	 EXISTING LEASES & AGREEMENTS WILL BE HONORED Yes	 CAN PARTICIPATE IN ASR & VISPO AT THE SAME TIME Yes, but not with the same water enrolled in VISPO
VISPO	 PRICING \$54 per acre foot in standby years; \$160 per acre foot in forbearance years in addition to the standby rate (\$54 per acre-foot) for a total of \$214 per acre-foot	 PROGRAM TRIGGER Level of J-17 monitoring well falls below 635 ft. msl on October 1. Forbearance occurs the year following the well reading	 CAN USE WATER AS NORMAL OUTSIDE OF FORBEARANCE YEARS Yes	 LENGTH OF AGREEMENT 5 years
	 RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED WATER AVAILABLE TO ENROLL Yes - For irrigation permits only	 FREQUENCY OF PROGRAM TRIGGER More frequently during short-term drought conditions. VISPO triggered in 2014 with 2015 being a forbearance year	 EXISTING LEASES & AGREEMENTS WILL BE HONORED Yes	 CAN PARTICIPATE IN ASR & VISPO AT THE SAME TIME Yes, but not with the same water enrolled in ASR