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Edwards Aquifer Authority Announces Education Outreach Center at Ultra-Accessible™ Morgan's Wonderland Camp

San Antonio, TX – The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), a regional water management agency, announces a partnership with ultra-accessible™ Morgan's Wonderland Camp (MWC), a 102-acre recreational oasis on the northern outskirts of San Antonio that will year-round offer a summer camp-type experience to those with and without special needs. It has been of longstanding importance to the EAA to impart water wisdom by cultivating a curiosity for the life-sustaining groundwater system below our feet – The Edwards Aquifer.

Our partnership with Morgan's Wonderland Camp will be manifested in the creation of the EAA Education Outreach Center. It reflects the way we must approach our work moving forward – through inclusion, imagination, and innovation – if our legacy is to be a sustainable Edwards Aquifer for generations to come.

Roland Ruiz, EAA General Manager

On the cusp of celebrating nearly 25 years managing, enhancing, and protecting the Edwards Aquifer, the EAA believes in cultivating an appreciation for the preservation of the Morgan's Wonderland Camp site situated on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, and raising awareness for the importance of both quality and quantity of water in the Edwards Aquifer. This latest venture in the EAA's story will bring together children and youth of all abilities and teach them about one of the most prolific aquifers in the world.

The \$2.5 million EAA Education Outreach Center will encompass 3,500 square feet and feature unique learning experiences that will broaden imaginations through participation in innovative STEM opportunities with an inclusive mindset. The EAA Education Program strives to educate and inform minds - because with the minds of many, great things are possible! For the next 25 years the EAA pledges to serve more students and have a positive impact throughout the region. A permanent location for a dedicated EAA Education Outreach Center at Morgan's Wonderland Camp will give the EAA a platform to educate up to 500 students per day!

The \$28 million, ultra-accessible™ Morgan's Wonderland Camp, which is slated for completion in the latter half of 2020, will be able to accommodate, at one time, up to 525 campers of all ages and abilities along with staff for day, weekend or week-long camp sessions.

We are truly excited about the inclusion of the EAA Education Outreach Center at Morgan's Wonderland Camp, which definitely will be a fun place as well as a learning place. In collaboration with EAA, we'll be able to offer community-based instruction sessions to campers as well as students from area schools and home schools. When learning becomes fun, lessons are more likely to be remembered."

Gordon Hartman, Founder of The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation

Hartman noted that MWC will have a multi-platform zipline that can accommodate wheelchairs, a stable and horses for horseback riding, a nature farm, multiple swimming pools and a relaxing river, an archery range, an enclosed sports pavilion and a challenge course with climbing walls for campers of all abilities, to name a few MWC features. He again paid tribute to Valero Energy Corp., for becoming MWC founding partner and committing \$15 million to the project.

More information and updates about Morgan's Wonderland Camp can be found at Camp.MorgansWonderland.com.

More information about the Edwards Aquifer Authority can be found at www.edwardsaquifer.org.