

EDWARDS AQUIFER HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

2017 Annual Report



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2017 Annual Report details

- 5th Annual Report
- 12 contributors
- 200+ pages
- 250+ comments received from 6 commenters
- 15 appendices equaling 3,300 pages



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2017 Highlights

- \$16.9 million spent in 2017
- Restoration:
 - 33,000 native aquatic plants planted
 - 4,600 square meters of non-native plants removed
- Springflow Protection:
 - 83,000+ acre-feet acquired of the 100,000 acre-feet goal





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| Page Number | Requested Change |
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| Page 162; Line 23 | Replace "recovery" with "recover" |
| Page 162; Line 28 | Replace "to" with "of" |
| Page 164 -165; Lines 22-24; Lines 1-3 | Delete "SAWS was not able to recover any EAHCP Groundwater from the SAWS ASR due to drought conditions occurring in 2017. The applicable drought triggers that authorized SAWS to make such recovery are Well J-17 and the ten-year average annual Aquifer recharge being simultaneously less than 630 ft mls and equal to or less than 500,000 ac-ft, respectively. These trigger levels were not reached during this time period, so recovery by SAWS of EAHCP Groundwater from the SAWS ASR for EAHCP springflow protection was not implemented." |
| Page 165; Figure 3.5-1 | Replace with updated Figure. |

- Action to approve submittal of Final Report to USFWS -
- With the four changes shown here.
- Submission to USFWS on Monday, March 26th

