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EAA Declares Exit from Stage 1 Permit Reductions for San Antonio Pool

San Antonio, TX – Today, the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) announced that the criteria to end Stage 1 Critical Period Management for the San Antonio Pool of Counties under the purview of the Edwards Aquifer Authority - including Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, and Medina counties – was met on Friday, October 15, 2021. The EAA recorded that the 10-day rolling average of measurements taken at the J-17 index well rose to 660 feet above mean sea level, the 10-day rolling average of discharge measurements taken at Comal Springs was recorded at 247 cubic feet per second (cfs), and the 10-day rolling average of discharge measurements taken at San Marcos Springs was recorded at 141 cfs. Hence, the EAA formally declares an exit from Stage 1 permit reductions.

Residents and businesses within those counties who receive their water from a public water system should follow their respective water provider's directives regarding water use practices. It should be noted that the EAA does not enforce lawn watering activities or other general water limitations enacted. Any enforcement of such activities or limitations is enforced by a municipality. The EAA does not regulate the public, but instead regulates Edwards well owners with withdrawal permits authorizing their right to pump from the aquifer.

The EAA is a groundwater conservation district that manages, enhances and protects the Edwards Aquifer, a major groundwater system serving approximately 2 million South Central Texans. The EAA jurisdiction spans across 8 counties including Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, and parts of Atascosa, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal and Hays counties.